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Troops move in as Bill on jail crisis is announced

An emergency Bill is to be introduced in Parliament today to deal with the prison crisis. It will allow the temporary release of some prisoners and early release for others; remain prisoners will not have to appear regularly before the courts. As the measures were announced troops moved into a high security jail.

Early release for some prisoners

Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Troops moved into an unfinished to "secure" jail yesterday as Mr William Whitelaw, home secretary, announced a package of controversial measures to deal with the mounting crisis in the prisons.

The Ministry of Defence said it soldiers from the 1st Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders, together with some administrative and special support staff, would be used at Frankland prison, near Durham, also considering using my camps should the need arise.

is told the House of Commons yesterday in a statement the world also need power the time being to order the early release of prisoners near the end of their sentences to restrict magistrates' rights, if necessary, in committing people to prison for terms such as non-payment of rates.

Expected the new high security prison nearing completion at Frankland, will be built to use to relieve pressure on police cells. People being confined in them turned away from prisons awaiting centres as a result of the prison officers' dispute.

legislation is proposed for three months, but then have to be renewed required. The Government action is to finish the Bill through the Commons and by tomorrow night. It indicates the speed

which available secure accommodation is being used up.

Mr Whitelaw's statement got a mixed response from Labour benches with Mr Merlyn Rees, remembering the pressure he had been put under by officers' action when he was Home Secretary. He said: "It is vital that action is taken." In many prisons, he said, it was not the governors who were running them but the local branch of the Prison Officers' Association and something had to be done about it.

Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypridd, and a noted campaigner for penal reform, said members were being asked to pass in one day a Bill not yet published and to collude in an assault on civil liberties unprecedented in this place in peace time.

Mr Whitelaw was asking the House to collude in an assault on the courts whereby executive action on the part of bureaucrats inside the Home Office could determine the liberty or otherwise of a subject.

Today the Prison Officers' Association's national executive meets to discuss Mr Whitelaw's plans. Though there have been threats to increase sanctions still further, Mr Colin Steel, the association's chairman, would only say yesterday in advance of the meeting, that Mr Whitelaw's action could make things worse.

Mr Steel told me he was appalled at the lack of knowledge about the case of issue displayed by both Mr Whitelaw

and Mr Whitelaw's response to the House. When the idea was put to

Mr Rees, he referred to Mr Rees' speech as a "sell out". Mr Steel was in the public gallery with Mr David Evans, the association's assistant general secretary.

Several MPs mentioned an idea put forward in *The Times* yesterday that part of the May Committee of Enquiry into prisons be recalled to consider the issue at the centre of the dispute: a claim for pay for meal breaks taken by prison officers as a result of an extended duty.

Mr Clive Soley, Labour MP for Hammersmith, North, and a trainee probation officer, promised Mr Steel he would write to Mr Whitelaw today recommending the May Committee be reconvened. Mr Soley said: "I would hope the Government would see this as a more constructive way forward than the present way which seems to me to exacerbate the situation and bring law and order into disrepute."

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Dr Kaunda claims to have foiled Zambia coup

Lusaka, Oct 27—President Kaunda said today he had thwarted a planned coup by local dissidents and foreign mercenaries and linked the plot to an alleged threat by South Africa to shell Zambian territory.

He said only three members of the Zambian security forces had so far been implicated in the plot but declined to identify them. No government leaders appeared to have been involved, the President added.

He called a new conference to explain the reasons for introducing an indefinite curfew on most of Zambia's important towns and cities last Thursday on the eve

of independence day celebrations. President Kaunda said security forces struck a few hours before the coup was to have been launched on October 16. The forces clashed with more than 50 heavily-armed men camped on a farm just south of Lusaka, killed two of them and captured two others.

Mr Kaunda said more than 40 of the gang had been caught, the President described the gang as mercenaries.

The president accused South Africa of supporting "anti-revolutionary" Zambians. He also accused South Africa of having made attempts as far back as 1966 to destabilise Zambia.

During the past few days at

least 12 prominent Zambians and three Army officers have been detained by the police. Scores of people have been arrested for breaking the dusk-to-dawn curfew.

There has also been the suspension of Major-General Christopher Kabwe, the country's Air Force commander, from his post.

Among those being held are Mr Valentine Musakanya, former governor of the Bank of Zambia; Mr Elias Chiphayo, a former High Commissioner in London; Mr Patrick Edward Shamwana, one of the country's most highly-regarded lawyers.

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Plessey awarded £150m contract

Plessey, one of Britain's largest electronics groups, has been awarded a contract for defence communications systems initially worth £150m. However, Plessey estimates the total value of the contract could be as much as £200m over the next few years. The order is for a new tactical communications network for the British Army and the Royal Air Force in Germany and is claimed to be the largest single defence contract awarded in the UK.



BL submits £400m aid plea to Government as vote on strike looms

By Peter Hill
Industrial Editor

Requests for further substantial Government financial aid were submitted to Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, by BL yesterday as shop stewards organized mass meetings later this week to vote on recommendations for strike action over the company's 6.8 per cent "final offer" to its 73,000 manual workers.

The additional cash being sought by BL is likely to be more than £400m, forms a key element of the company's corporate plan which was formally submitted to the Industry Department yesterday and to the National Enterprise Board.

Ministers, embroiled in arguments over public spending cuts, face difficulties against the backdrop of the deepening recession which has affected BL although Sir Michael Edwards, the BL chairman, will point to the additional cash already extended to British Steel and the expectation of further aid for British Shipbuilders.

Mr Jack Adams, who replaced the dismissed Mr Derek Robinson as convenor there, is one of the most outspoken advocates of a strike.

More than 200 senior shop stewards representing most plants met in Coventry yesterday to consider a recommendation from the union side of BL Cars' joint negotiating committee that shop floor "action" should be taken to force a more realistic offer from the company.

Mr Geoffrey Armstrong, BL Cars' employees relations director, told union negotiators 10 days ago: "The 6.8 per cent offer is the company's final offer and I mean final. There is nothing more to come." The company had increased its original offer of 6.1 per cent.

Last night BL spokesman said: "We believe that employees will take a balanced view and that reasonable attitudes will prevail".

Miners tell their MPs to support Mr Foot

By Our Labour Editor

Yorkshire miners' leaders yesterday issued an indirect threat to pit constituency MPs that they could lose their seats unless they supported Mr Michael Foot in the battle for the leadership of the Labour Party.

The area council of the National Union of Mineworkers voted to withdraw support from sponsored MPs who acted against the wishes of pro-Foot local party caucuses.

In a fresh extension of the union's influence in Yorkshire Labour Party affairs, the 77-strong council called on the five Labour MPs in the coalfield to back the deputy leader as successor to Mr James Callaghan.

The Jay NUM body meeting in Barnsley, under the chairmanship of Mr Arthur Scargill, the area's left-wing president, instructed miners' delegates to party general management committees in Yorkshire to call special meetings to "win support for Mr Foot in this very important election".

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Civil Service threat of action over pay findings freeze

By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor

Industrial action in the Civil Service seems almost certain after a Government announcement last night that pay comparability for 550,000 white collar employees is to be abandoned for the 1981 wage round.

Angry union leaders boycotted the meeting with Lord Soames, minister for the Civil Service, on learning the news to be told that the Pay Research Unit findings pointing to salary rises of 12 to 20 per cent would be set aside.

Salary comparison reports due to be delivered to the Civil Service Unions by November 15 will not now be handed over, and the unions are taking legal advice as to whether the Cabinet's decision is in breach of the law.

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Civil Service pay agreements

govern the arrangements for setting salaries for white-collar employees. The system is based on comparisons with pay for similar work in the private sector. The system has only once before been suspended; and that was by the Labour

Government as a cynical and dictatorial attempt to divert attention from its own disastrous economic policies by making a scapegoat of civil and public servants".

It would certainly increase the mood of militancy among Government employees.

"We dispute the Government's right to take such a step. The Pay Research Unit reports are fully unanimous," said committee. The unit should ignore the Government's instruction as having no validity at all. This is an attempt at dictatorship. We shall resist it."

In his letter to Mr William Kendall, general secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, Lord Soames recalled previous warnings that cash limits would be "the major determinant" of pay next year. "The economic position has become increasingly difficult", he said.

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Mr Rippon wants big cut in lending rates

By Our Political Editor

Indicating the concern growing among Conservative MPs over the Government's economic policy, a former Tory Minister yesterday fired the opening stages of the area council yesterday, but only Mr Welch stayed on to hear the political debate. He indicated already agreed to abide by the support of the TUC.

Mr Welch said: "We will not be manning the new prison." The association would be seeking an early meeting with Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC.

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Today, fortuitously, defence questions are to be answered by Mr Francis Purnell, Secretary of State for Defence, and his team, and the bitter recriminations from the party right wing against the Government daring to cut back defence spending seem certain to boil over.

In Whitchurch it is maintained that the Cabinet will not this week be settling the overall figures for next year's public spending, while the announcement of the expected 300,000 measures to combat youth unemployment is still some weeks off.

This will hardly please Tory moderates, who are both alarmed at the Government's willingness to consider cutting some basic welfare benefits and frustrated that ministers are not making more of the possibilities of intervention.

One of the moderates, who is also a parliamentary private secretary, Mr Robert Rhodes Jones, MP for Cambridge, has again urged government action to "confront, alleviate and resolve" what he called the realities of the national predicament.

In a speech in Cambridge he said Conservatives had returned to "Victorian" in a mood of deep and nagging concern".

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HOME NEWS

Emergency powers Bill on prisons has initial limit of three months

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

Emergency powers including detention, release and the suspension of remand court appearances, proposed for the Home Secretary under the Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill will, unless renewed, lapse after three months, according to the terms of the Bill published last night.

A permanent provision which will survive the prison officers' dispute would confirm the legality of the police holding prisoners in custody "until such time" as they can be admitted to prisons or produced in court. The Government intends the Bill to complete all Commons stages today.

The most notable feature of the Bill is to grant extensive power to the Executive over convicted or unconvicted prisoners. Thus, "in place in England or Wales" could be approved as a place of lawful detention "equally" any person "duly appointed as an individual or as a class, to have custody of prisoners would have all the powers, authority protection and privileges of a constable".

Prisoners on remand would not in future be brought automatically before a magistrate's court at the end of the remand period; that procedure would be suspended, unless the court required it, and the court, in the prisoner's absence could remand him further on bail or in custody.

The Secretary of State would also be able to direct the conditional release of two categories of prisoners to ease overcrowding. The first category includes prisoners who have not yet begun serving sentences and grants a type of "executive bail". Such prisoners would be required eventually to surrender themselves again, and, upon default, to be subject to re-arrest without warrant.

The second category includes prisoners serving sentences, except those serving life times, who could expect to be released up to six months early.

In addition magistrates' courts, where notified by the Home Secretary, would cease imprisoning persons who failed to "pay any sum of money" or "for want of sufficient distress to satisfy any sum of money". That would apply to non-payment of rates, fines maintenance orders and the like, according to the Home Office.

New code welcomed: A cautious welcome to some of the emergency measures came from penal reform groups yesterday (Frances Gibb writes).

The Howard League for Penal Reform welcomed the Home Secretary's decision to restrict the powers of magistrates to imprison people for non-payment of rates, fines maintenance orders and similar offences and that to release prisoners nearing the end of their sentences.

Benn supporters seek alternative economic policy

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

The Labour Co-ordinating Committee which supports Mr Wedgwood Benn, yesterday issued a pamphlet arguing that the party "must offer a clear alternative way of running the economy".

The strategy was needed to end the waste of unemployment, halt the decline of industry and raise living standards. It was one which "the next leader of the Labour Party should follow".

The committee repeated its demand for increased public spending, industrial democracy, compulsory planning, agreements, increased public ownership, import controls and price control.

Each element of the strategy depended on the other, the pamphlet states. A boost to the economy through public expenditure would achieve little without trade controls and industrial intervention.

It states: "Regeneration of industry, and particularly the development of workers' plans and cooperatives, will be restricted unless they take place in a healthy economy. The whole strategy could founder unless working people are committed to its objectives and are involved in its implementation."

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The Maze hunger strikers (from left): Thomas McFeely, from Dungiven, co Londonderry; Thomas McKeown, Moy, co Tyrone; Brendan Hughes, Belfast; Leo Green, Lurgan, co Armagh; Raymond McCartney, Londonderry; Sean McKenna, Newry, co Down; and John Nixon, Armagh.

The hunger strikers are named

By Michael Horrell
The Republican press centre

yesterday issued the names of the seven prisoners taking part in the hunger strike.

They are: Brendan Hughes, sentenced to 15 years in 1978 for possessing guns, explosives and ammunition. In 1978 he was sentenced to another five years for assault.

Raymond McCartney, aged 25, who is serving 25 years for murdering a prominent industrialist and an RUC member.

Thomas McKeown, aged 26, who received two life sentences for his part in the murders of a postman and of a part-time member of the UDR.

Leo Green, aged 26, who was sentenced to 15 years for murdering an RUC inspector.

Sean McKenna, aged 26, who is serving 25 years for what the judge called a "catalogue of terrorist offences" including attempted murder.

Thomas McFeely, aged 32, who is serving 26 years for attempting to wound a policeman, using a gun to resist arrest, and with robbery.

John Nixon, sentenced to 14 years in 1977 for his part in two armed robberies.

Further talks today on Cunard liners dispute

By David Felton

Talks to end the dispute between the National Union of Seamen and Cunard broke up last night after four hours with no agreement reached on the company's plans to transfer cruise liners to foreign registration, but further talks are to be held today.

Both sides said some progress had been made and they were hopeful that a settlement could be reached. The dispute could lead to a one-day strike next month.

Mr Norman said magistrates would realize the seriousness of the situation and would do their utmost to make the new arrangements work. He also added it was necessary, temporarily, to clear space so that dangerous offenders could be properly contained.

Despite that statement, the Cunard Princess, one of the two

MPs protest about Commons meeting

By Michael Horrell

The use of a House of Commons committee room for a meeting packed with sympathisers of the provisional IRA prisoners on hunger strike has been condemned by some of the steps the Home Secretary took in the course of his political activities.

Mr Roberts supported demands by the prisoners to the right in West Belfast to clothe them in the traditional dress of the National

IRA, and he called to the attention of the House of Commons the right to free association among other political prisoners, the right to receive visitors, the right to receive legal representation, and the right to fall remission of sentences.

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He said: "I am little more encouraged that we are going to get an agreement, but it has not happened yet by a long way."

Cunard's flagship, the Queen Elizabeth 2, is on a Caribbean cruise and will not be affected by the strike's call for action until she docks in Britain on November 8.

Redundancy cash spent on drink, report says

Some redundant workers, instead of investing their redundancy money, were spending it on drink, it is claimed in a report published today.

Mr William Kenyon, who runs a centre for alcoholics in Liverpool, said in his annual report that consumption of alcohol in Britain had increased by more than 50 per cent between 1963 and 1979.

Mr Kenyon, executive director of the Merseyside Lancashire and Cheshire Council on Alcoholism, said that in general the recession should have eased the problem, because people would have less to

spend on drink.

But redundant workers were vulnerable because of the frustration, resentment and anger of those who lost their job.

Mr Kenyon said that continued alcoholism would account for nearly a quarter of all mental hospital patients by 1985.

A manager who lost his job with an engineering company spent nearly £3,000 of his £20,000 redundancy money on drink. He was stopped only when his wife persuaded him to visit the centre.

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HOME NEWS

BBC 'Panorama' team to make another programme about brain death and transplants

y Anabel Ferriman and Kenneth Golling BBC television's *Panorama* aim is to make another programme on the subject of brain death and organ transplantation after the public outcry over a recent broadcast about the subject.

The *Panorama* of October 12 suggested that Sir Ian Jenkins might be taking organs from patients who were not yet dead and that the British criteria for determining brain death were inadequate.

It resulted in scores of letters of protest to *The Times*, the *Irish Medical Journal* and *the Lancet*. It was suggested many doctors that the programme was misleading and could lead to some people tearing up donor cards.

A delegation of physicians and surgeons met Sir Ian Trennan, Director-General of the C, yesterday at Broadcasting House. They were told that a new programme was to be made. Describing the programme as shameful and irresponsible, Mr Jenkins said that some medical students felt the programme had damaged the confidence of would-be donors. "Because of the public interest in the issue, *Panorama* will return to it within the next few weeks," Minister's condemnation: Mr Patrick Jenkins, Secretary of State for Social Services last night condemned the BBC for the original *Panorama* programme. (Hugh Noyes, Our Parliamentary Correspondent writes). Describing the programme as shameful and irresponsible, Mr Jenkins said that some potential donors were turning up their donor cards and returning them.

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gramme which is on television."

"They wanted *Panorama* to return to the subject and to hold extensive consultations with the medical profession before it returned."

Sir Ian said the BBC considered that the reactions to the programme had confirmed that its content was a matter of legitimate public interest and it had considered that *Panorama* had handled it responsibly.

It recognized, however, the concern of Lord Smith and his colleagues that some medical students felt the programme had damaged the confidence of would-be donors.

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Council officials resign over policy on cuts

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inden council, one of 13 authorities facing a crisis for defying the Government's spending cuts, has been led into further crisis by resignation of Mr William Barnes, its director of housing, Mr Eric Burchmore, his

ey decided to resign last after disagreements with council, mostly caused by refusal to make cuts and staff. Mr Barnes said that the refusal had been penalized by the government, which in turn had imposed the housing policy in

council has refused so to make immediate cuts in attempt to bring off the £2.2m grant reduction. That could mean the vision of a supplementary voter in the year.

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valued at £6,000 was from the home of Lady while a memorial service was being held in church at Cossington, Northamptonshire, on Sunday, the police said yesterday.

Barnett, the television identity who died eight days ago, was arrested last Friday, two days after she was found of shoplifting in her town. An inquest has opened and adjourned.

He was gained through a to the eighteenth house in Main Street, between 9.30 and 10am on Sunday. Mr Barnett, aged 37, bers Jean Burton, her son, and other members of staff, were with 150 s at All Saints' Church.

Her included a silver, office pots and cutlery, John Yates, vice of the son who conducted the said yesterday. It was called "naughty." Superintendent of Leicester police, described the a despicable crime.

visers to help MPs in
dy of arts funding

Art Reporter
The Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts will start taking evidence, probably before Christmas, with some sessions in public.

The committee will examine expectations by government ministers that a growing share of arts funding will be taken over by the private sector, and decide to what extent that is a realistic assumption.

Aspects of arts funding in the EEC and the United States will be part of the committee's brief.

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ad not been seen since our on Saturday, from Mr Richard Best, St Margaret's, Cheltenham, Somerset; and Mr Corr, of Portbury,



Widespread flooding: A farm tractor ploughing through the streets of Ribchester, Lancashire, which was reported almost cut off yesterday when the River Ribble overflowed.

The evidence about the Americans case until the programme had been raised.

Mr Jenkins said that it was

shameful that the BBC had

failed to give the leaders of the

medical profession, who had

vigorously protested before the

programme went out, any

opportunity to comment.

Most of the Conway valley was under water, particularly around the town of Llanrwst, Gwynedd. At Widnes, Cheshire, police and firemen sandbagged 20 homes when a brook overflowed.

Heavy rain forced the closure of a

10-mile section of the M6 between Broughton, near Preston, and Hampson Green, near Lancaster, because of

accidents. Motorists were advised to

stay at home. The police said: "They

may be able to get to their destination, but there is no guarantee they will be able to get back." The A586 and several main roads into West Yorkshire were also closed by the floods.

The Meteorological Office gave

warning that more rain was expected

today and that the strong winds

sweeping southern England would

continue.

Snag for tenants who want to buy

From Our Correspondent Chesterfield

North-east Derbyshire district council said yesterday it was only good housekeeping to tell some tenants that they would have to relinquish their right to buy their homes for five years if they wanted them modernized at a cost of up to £5,000.

Two tenants have signed forms giving up their right to buy hundred more living former coal board homes will receive them at the weekend. Mr Clifford Fox, the council's Labour leader, said yesterday that modernization could cost £5,000 and if the home was sold, half that amount would be lost. "It protects the money we are spending. It is good housekeeping. We are here to protect public money. Many Labour councils have been criticized in the press over the way they have used public money. We see this as a legitimate way to protect funds."

Mr Fox said the council had taken legal advice and it was sure it was doing nothing illegal. "People will not be under duress."

The council, which is running a campaign against council house sales, also intends to do other essential repairs to houses where the tenants have expressed a wish to buy.

Mr Fox said that he hoped other councils would adopt the scheme. "But I am sure the government has been reading what the papers are saying. I am sure they will be contacting this authority to see what it is doing."

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HOME NEWS

Equity refusal to allow Doris Archer a peaceful death

By Kenneth Gosling

Doris Archer's radio death and funeral ran into a snag yesterday when Equity, the actor's union, objected to scenes recorded with a real congregation at a Warwickshire church. They said their own members should have taken part instead.

The BBC had to scrap the original recording of last night's episode of *The Archers* on Radio 4, in which Doris Archer dies. But her death took place on schedule after the BBC replaced the recording, made at the parish church in Chertington, with a gramophone record.

Doris was played by Gwen Berryman, who is convalescing after a stroke.

Equity also complained about the same recording being used in the funeral service which will be broadcast on Thursday, and the BBC agreed to replace that with the BBC Singers.

The drama has been a series of radio, last night's secret, and there was an element of scepticism about an Equity statement last night which quoted Mr Peter Plouviez, the general secretary, as saying:

"Whilst we are happy to help the BBC in this publicity stunt because we believe radio drama is the best in the world and we would like to help them maximize their audience, we would much rather that they used

their energies in producing more original drama, music and light entertainment material for radio".

The statement objected to the use of Chertington church because Equity members had lost 2,000 engagements in radio-drama compared with last year, a loss felt particularly severely by professional singers.

The BBC said Equity's action had caused pandemonium. The union had threatened, it said, to "black" Thursday's funeral.

"But we have arranged to record the BBC Singers performing the final hymn in the service, 'The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended', at St Giles, Cripplegate and the tapes will be sent to Birmingham where *The Archers* is recorded."

A spokesman at the BBC's Pebble Mill headquarters in Birmingham said last night:

"It is very regrettable and a great pity that Doris is not allowed to die in peace." There had been calls from several messages wishing Gwen Berryman a speedy recovery.

The Rector of Chertington, Rev John Woodward-Court said that about 30 members of the congregation stayed behind after a recent communion service to make the recording.

"All we did was to provide a typical country church atmosphere. I think that is what appealed to *The Archers* producer, William Smeethurst."

Ban sought on march by neo-Nazi group

By Nicholas Timmins

Mr William Whirlow, the Home Secretary, is to be asked to ban a march by a neo-Nazi group to the Whitehall Cenotaph after the Remembrance Day parade on November 9.

Mr Harry Curtis, chairman of the defence committee of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women, said he would be making the request because of increasing protests over the march planned by European Remembrance and Reconciliation Association.

Mr Curtis said: "From the information I have this is just some kind of front organization for the neo-Nazi League of St George. It is desecration to allow such people to march on the day we are remembering those who died in the Second World War. It makes a mockery of the whole thing."

The association is said to be planning to march with a band from a Flemish neo-Nazi group. Mr Curtis said they should not be allowed to enter the country.

Air Vice-Marshal Charles Maughan, general secretary of the Royal British Legion, said there had been a number of

angry telephone calls from ex-servicemen and Legion branches, once a report of the proposed march appeared in the *Daily Mirror*.

He said: "We are remembering those who died in defence of freedom, and we totally deplore the fact that a group who cannot possibly subscribe to those ideals are planning to participate in this national day of remembrance."

The Home Office yesterday emphasized that the association would have no part in the formal Cenotaph ceremony, attended by the Queen. It is, however, usual for several groups to march in the Cenotaph later in the day.

Mr Martin Webster, the national organizer for the National Front, said yesterday: "We do nothing whatsoever with this organization or the League of St George."

The Home Office, the Department of the Environment, the London district headquarters of the Army, and Scotland Yard, which help to arrange the Remembrance Day ceremony were reticent yesterday about the proposed march. Official sources said that the march would be hard if not impossible to ban; permission to march is not needed.

Judge postpones the trial of Lady Kagan

From Our Correspondent

Mrs Eileen Crosbie, aged 37, a primary school teacher, who was dismissed for refusing to teach a class of 40 children under-11, lost her claim for unfair discrimination today.

Mr Michael Coulson, chairman of the Nottingham industrial tribunal which heard the case, said Mrs Crosbie was in breach of her contract of employment by refusing to obey her headmaster and to carry on teaching.

He said the panel of three were unanimous but he added: "We have quite a lot of sympathy with her viewpoint and her spirit over what she believed was a wrong policy. However, she refused to do work for which she was employed. It is a pity that the matter could not have been resolved by negotiation."

After hearing the National Union of Teachers said it would continue its campaign for her reinstatement. Mr Anthony Taylor, the union's Nottinghamshire official said NUT representatives would be meeting in two days' time to discuss further action. "We are prepared for a long-running dispute," he added.

After Mrs Crosbie's dismissal last April, Nottinghamshire teachers began a series of strikes.

Woman teacher loses unfair dismissal claim

From Our Correspondent

The trial of Lady Kagan, aged 54, a director of Kagan Textiles Ltd, of West Yorkshire, and three other members of the company, was postponed until Thursday at Leeds Crown Court.

The trial should have started yesterday, but after Mr Justice Smith had heard submissions in chambers from defence counsel, he announced the postponement.

Charged with Lady Kagan are Ray Kennedy, aged 53, the company secretary, of Wedgewood Drive, Leeds; Valdemar Ginsburg and his wife Ibolysa, of Hull Lane, Elland, near Huddersfield; Kagan Textiles Ltd, of Elland, and Cellofabo (Yorkshire), of Rastrick, West Yorkshire.

They are charged jointly with conspiracy to defraud the Crown over the proceeds from denim cloth exports. The defendants face other charges concerning the export of denim cloth and Kennedy, Mr and Mrs Ginsburg and the two other companies are also charged with falsifying documents.

Court hearing on suicide guide adjourned

A legal battle to stop EXIT, the voluntary euthanasia group, publishing a booklet telling members how to commit suicide was adjourned by Mr Justice Fox in the High Court in London yesterday.

But the judge continued an undertaking given by Mr Nicholas Reed and the committee not to publish the booklet pending a court ruling.

Dr Gordon Scott, a member of the group, is seeking a temporary order preventing its secretary, Mr Reed, and the 12 members of the executive committee from publishing a Guide to Self-deliverance, pending full hearing of his action.

Inquiry into disused church

A public inquiry opens today into the proposed demolition of Holy Trinity Church, Rugby.

Holy Trinity, designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott and completed in 1854, was declared redundant in 1974. An action group has been formed to fight the proposed demolition. It will be supported at the inquiry by the Ancient Monuments Society and the Victorian Society.



Photograph by Peter Simpson
Mr David Payne with his giant marrow, with Mr Ronald Butcher and his 229 lb pumpkin, Mr Robert Rodger, with his onion, and Mr Colin Moore with his outsized parsnip.

Teapot size onion sets record

By Hugh Claydon

Agriculture Correspondent

An onion the size of a teapot was declared a world record holder for weight yesterday.

The monstrous bulb, grown in the gardens of a Scottish council house,

weighed 6lb 7oz.

It has earned Mr Robert Rodger, its grower, £500 in prize money. Yesterday it brought him a silver from the organizers of a contest for giant vegetables. The silver was presented by Mr Norris McWhirter, editor of the *Guinness Book of Records*.

With a length of almost 3ft and a weight of 69 pounds, the marrow grown by Mr David Payne, a factory security guard from Fonthampton, Gloucestershire, cleared the previous record by five pounds.

Whitehall brief: Costing anything from cricket pitches to barracks' flower beds

An unsung hero of Civil Service comes into the public view

By Peter Hennessy

When Whitehall watchers sit down to speculate on "who's up, and who's down" among the brokers of bureaucratic power, the name of Mr Eric Turle, a senior executive officer in the Reading office of the Property Services Agency (PSA), is not far from the surface.

But the Prime Minister

knows about him. Her

on the elimination of

government waste, Sir Derek Rayner, the Civil Service

of Azimith Park, Earls

racks, Colerne, in Wiltshire.

Mr Turle has been one of

the Civil Service's tussling

heroes for a long time. Thirteen years ago he was involved in Mr Leslie Chapman's pioneering maintenance economy reviews featured in his book, *Your Disobedient Servant* which chronicled his failure to shift the PSA towards greater economy.

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Risks to users of sun-ray lamps studied

By Robin Young

Consumer Affairs

Correspondent

The Government has begun

detailed studies of accidents

involving ultra-violet sun-ray

lamps, and items of nursery

equipment.

The Home Accident Survey

last year identified 70 accidents involving sun-ray lamps. Because few

people use such lamps, this is

thought to represent a consider-able risk to users.

Most cases involved people under 30 who fell asleep or failed to

wear goggles.

The consumer safety unit of

the Department of Trade is also

concerned that 75 accidents in

1979 involved baby-walkers.

The Home Accident Survey

1979, from Consumer Safety Unit, Room 3710, Department of Trade, Millbank, London SW1P 4QU.

Sir Derek discussed his work with Mr Chapman and decided to examine the validity of his methods using the Bath district study. Sir Derek was curious to know why Mr Chapman's efforts had not produced even greater results.

The main thrust of Mr Turle's report suggested that the blurring of responsibility between the PSA, which maintains the building and plant, and the Ministry of Defence, their main user, over who was responsible for the capital assets led to waste. As an example he cited RAF Hullavington where, in quiet times, a handful of officers occupy a mess built for 82 at a cost of £9,000 a head.

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The Turle report is now regarded as a classic of its kind. Not only has Mrs Margaret Thatcher been provided with a summary of its 30 more maintenance economy reviews have begun in other districts of the PSA on the bidding of ministers.

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US drug to help combat arthritis suffering is launched in Britain

By Annabel Ferriman

Health Services Correspondent

A drug to combat arthritis which has been used by several hundred thousand patients in the United States, was launched in Britain yesterday.

The drug, a non-steroid, anti-inflammatory agent, is closely related to aspirin, but the manufacturers claim that it does not have the side effects sometimes associated with aspirin, namely stomach irritation and occasional interference with blood clotting.

Marketed by Parke-Davis under the brand name Trilisate, it is now available on prescription and from chemists. It costs \$42 for 60 tablets, about seven times as much as aspirin.

Professor George Elliott, Professor of Medicine at the Birmingham Medical College

Hospital, Philadelphia, speaking at the launching in London, said that rhe

WEST EUROPE

Agreement on uniform EEC alcohol tax delayed

By Michael Hornby
Luxembourg, Oct 27

British wine and beer drinkers will have to wait at least two more months to learn whether their favourite tipple will cost more or less as a result of moves to standardize taxation of alcoholic drinks in the European Community.

Speaking after a meeting of EEC finance ministers, Peter New, Minister of state in the Treasury, said he thought it extremely unlikely the beer duty would apply increased, contrary to what has been claimed by the beer brewers.

But he said he did "not want to foreclose any of the budget options open to the Chancellor or the Exchequer" if, when the new EEC tax issues are put into effect.

Rees and his fellow ministers were unable to agree the measures as they stood. They are to meet again on October 19 or December 22 for more discussion among them.

The proposal of most concern to Britain is that the duty on table wine will not be more than three times the duty on the same unit of beer. At present Exchequer taxes imported nearly five times more duty than beer brewed in Britain.

It is regarded as discriminatory by the European Commission and by member states that export wine.

French presidential election campaign reaches a stalemate

By Ian Murray
Paris, October 27

The presidential campaign in France, after its early start, will be deadlocked until after Christmas. Although 29 candidates have so far declared themselves, only one of the representatives of the four main parties is known—probably the Communist—and there is little expected to happen before the new year.

Last weekend both M. Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, and M. François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, made it clear that they did not share their names to be finally agreed until some time in January.

M. Mitterrand nearly slipped through the trap laid for him by M. Michel Rocard, the more dynamic, younger Socialist leader, who last week put forward his own candidature. M. Mitterrand, calling on all his experience—which goes back through two previous presidential campaigns—has refused to join the race yet, while continuing to jog along to keep up with the other Socialist leaders.

What he said was that he was prepared to serve the party if the party wanted him to serve. That means he is passing the responsibility for his selection down to the rank and file members who have generally shown that they support his candidacy. At the same time he has succeeded in not becoming personally involved in the mud-slinging within his party, that has inevitably followed the

announcement of M. Rocard.

M. Mitterrand's chief card is that he stands for the unity of the left, a position now seemly after the defeat of the Communist/Socialist alliance in the 1978 legislative elections. His idea is that Communist votes—as all other votes—can be won away by tolerance and Socialist understanding. M. Rocard, on the other hand, believes that if the party adopts really Socialist policies it then the Communists will be lured away to follow them.

M. Chirac's difficulties similar—except that he finds himself being manoeuvred into an open position by M. Michel Débré, the independent Gaullist candidate. M. Débré, who retains a nostalgic appeal as President de Gaulle's first Prime Minister, has seized the initiative by declaring that he is standing as the general's heir. M. Chirac, in the hope of keeping his movement together, has been forced to try to adopt an increasingly statesmanlike posture in order to stanch back political territory lost to M. Débré.

This in turn means that he cannot afford to enter the campaign as a candidate yet. Only by pretending that he is not really divided on whether to run can he adopt the necessary apolitical position. The main part of his attack is therefore concentrated on President Giscard d'Estaing and his policies because he considers that he must try to win back the votes from the Giscardians.

Criticism of Luther regretted by Catholics

From Gretel Spitzer
Berlin, Oct 27

The Evangelical Church in Germany noted with gratification the statement of the Catholic Bishops' Conference today saying that neither the conference nor Professor Remigius Baumer, the church historian from Freiburg and author of a booklet on the history of the church, intended "a one-sided or even offending description of the Reformation or of Martin Luther."

The booklet, prepared for the forthcoming visit of the Pope, described Martin Luther among other things as a mighty sinner, and claimed that his uncontrollable rage and polemics made him blind to Catholic truth.

The passages of the booklet on the Reformation caused an uproar among German Protestants and beyond their ranks, and were also criticized by Catholics.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference regretted the disturbance and annoyance caused by the booklet among Protestants. It explained that the conference did not know the contents of the article or that of other publications in preparation for the Pope's visit when deciding that Professor Baumer's contribution was to be sent to all priests.

The conference said that the author was aware of what was described as a "limited perspective" of the Reformation and Martin Luther; he would explain this in a postscript to the forthcoming next edition.



Asbestos-clad firemen tackle a blazing oil pipeline near Forchheim, Bavaria. It carries Soviet gas and sabotage was suspected.

Fish are the first victims of a lavender war in mountains of Provence

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Oct 27

Thousands of fish have been the first casualties in a lavender war that has broken out in the scented mountains of Haute Provence. They have died as part of an action designed to save 800 families

as far as the folk of Tautre Provence are concerned, this constitutes little short of chemical warfare.

It is as a defence against this that the lavender growers are asking the Ministry of Agriculture to accord the Fine Lavender name exclusively to the product of the Drôme and of

Provence with an appellation d'origine rather similar to that accorded to some wines and cheeses.

Fine lavender now costs 150 francs (£14.60) a kilogramme,

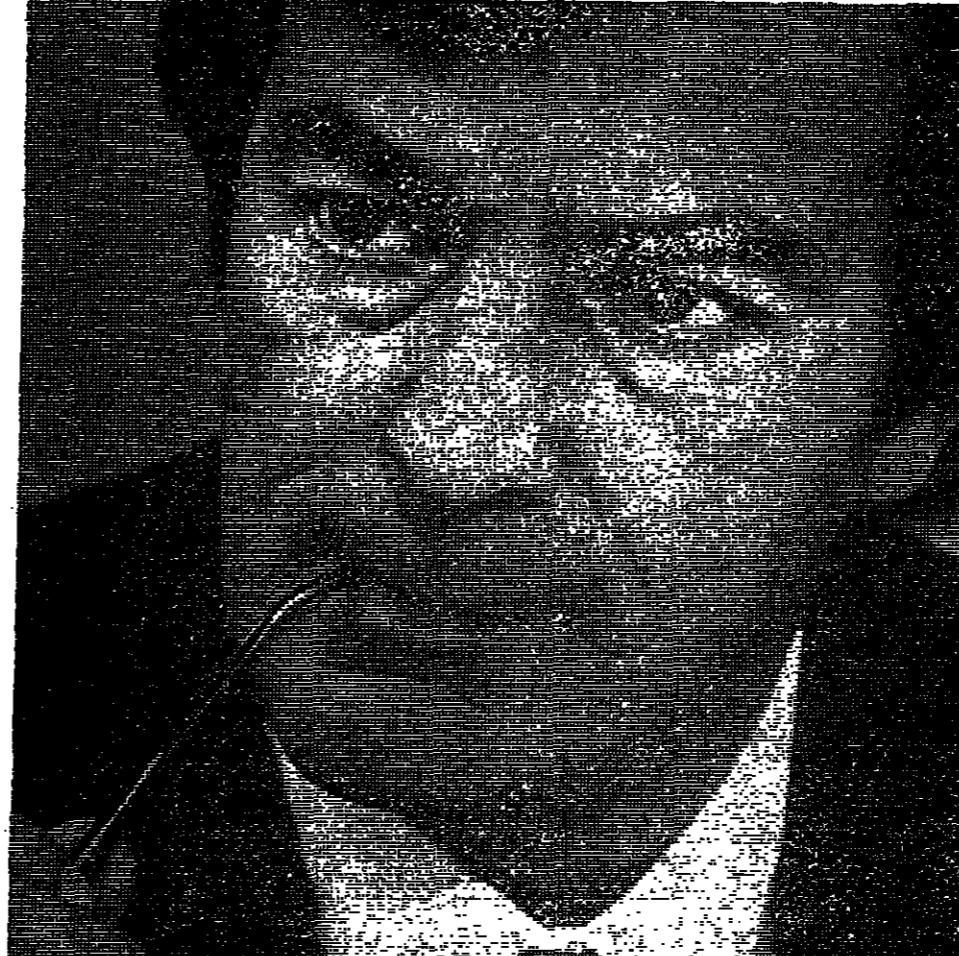
compared with the 35-50 francs for the more prolific lavandin hybrid, which is grown more at the moment in consequence, since its price is more competitive.

So far, however, the Lavande Label has not been awarded and lavender water, made from lavandin, has been stockpiled in the stills of the cooperative at Puimoisson high in the alps. It was those stills whose taps were opened, polluting the river.

Although the local lavender growers' association has condemned this "inadmissible act", it is nevertheless a fortunate coincidence for them that the amount of scented essence lost is almost exactly equivalent to this year's excess of lavandin production.

If the excuses of the lavender growers about the tap turning incident seem a bit fishy, they cannot perhaps be blamed for believing the ministry will pay no attention unless they protest forcefully.

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Richard Wigg
Oct 27

More than 150 members of the Socialist National Committee yesterday wrangled over the future of how to prevent party breaking in two. The crisis was detonated by support for Dr Mário Soares' candidacy of Eanes, who is seeking election on December 7. To date, his decision, Dr Soares has "temporarily" left the party leadership. vote earlier in the day gave the most serious defeat in the party for Dr Soares, who had sought to align the National Committee by 131 to 34 to form the party section in office to organize support for President Eanes. He also decided to seek a meeting with President Eanes' "friendly" conditions of the party's collaboration with one member of the 15-national executive has been in solidarity with Dr Eanes—the rest judged the pressing need—with the final election only six days away—to help Dr Eanes defeat General Sá Carneiro, the party's candidate for the presidency. The Socialist leadership stressed its appreciation of Eanes as a fighter for democracy and the executive said it would continue a dialogue during his absence as leader.

In an "open letter to the world," written in *O Jornal*, the eve of the National Committee meeting, Dr Soares said that he had consulted

Dutch supreme court hears Menten appeal

From Robert Schulz
Amsterdam, Oct 27

The supreme court of The Netherlands today began hearing the appeal by Mr Pieter Nicolaas Menten, the 81-year-old Dutch millionaire and art collector, against his conviction for war crimes.

On July 9, the Rotterdam court found him guilty of playing a role in the mass execution by an SS-Sonderkommando of between 20 and 30 Polish nationals, mainly Jews, in the village of Podgorodzie, which at the time was in German-occupied Poland and is now part of the Ukraine. The court sentenced him to 10 years in prison and imposed a fine of 100,000 guilders (more than £20,000). Mr Menten's lawyers now argue that this judgment contained "errors of

OVERSEAS

Polish free union backs down on ultimatum to Prime Minister but strike retaliation not ruled out

From Dessa Trevisan
Warsaw, Oct 27

After much heated debate the leaders of the Solidarity trade union federation today decided against trying out their strength and withdrew a 24-hour ultimatum to Mr Josef Pankowski, the Polish Prime Minister, to meet them in the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk. Instead a meeting with him has tentatively been arranged for Thursday.

The ball is now in the other court, and tonight a government spokesman confirmed that the invitation was received but that no decision has so far been taken or, indeed, is likely to be taken tonight.

Thus, uncertainty prevails as the members are still thinking of a token strike if the talks fail or if the Prime Minister refuses to talk; but the feeling here is that slowly, and easily, both sides are now getting down to trying to reach an understanding.

Earlier today at the meeting began in the union's headquarters in the Morsky Hotel, Miss Anna Walentynowicz in a vigorous speech said that if the authorities really wanted dialogue this was the time to prove it.

A telegram inviting the Prime Minister to meet the workers of the Lenin Shipyard was sent with the decision that unless he came tomorrow, the shipyards would go on strike.

This is pressure, Miss Walentynowicz said. "But this is what the unions intended it for, that the authorities explain clearly their intentions, sit at

the table, and talk like Poles should be talking to Poles."

But, as on previous occasions, Mr Lech Walesa, the union leader, after talking to the region's prefect, proposed setting up a commission to examine all their grievances and present them to the Prime Minister with the invitation for him to come.

Another resolution approved was that the unions contest the court's decision to modify a statute of the constitution. The possibility of another general strike was left open. Thus, the strike was deferred but the unionists were by no means disengaged though the moderate line prevailed.

The miners of Jastrzebie as well as the union branch of Szczecin strongly opposed it on the grounds that it would be a provocation which in any case the moderates, also, feared might become just the very thing the party hardliners were waiting for.

"We do not want a tragedy," Mr Walesa said. "All we want is to know where we stand."

But the Government is already losing no time to reassure the unions of its good will and is moving fast. The conflict with the railway workers in Wroclaw last week over wage increases has been settled and 35 people stopped their hunger strike.

A settlement with construction workers in Gdansk today promised considerable wage increases starting this month with further increases at the beginning of next year, thus reinforcing the feeling that the Government is doing what it can.

Iraq wins key bridge and hastens victory

From Robert Fisk
Beirut, Oct 27

The fall of Khorramshahr, trumpeted on four occasions by the Iraqis since the Gulf war began and denied by the Iranians each time with equal vehemence, at last seems to be nearing reality.

The Iraqians admitted this morning that their forces had lost all contact with their troops in the port city and that the bridge connecting it to the besieged refinery city of Abadan was no longer possible to cross.

This bridge—across the Karun river—previously provided the only physical link between the Iraqians in Khorramshahr and Abadan. The Iraqi Army's armoured thrust across the Karun further north by pontoon bridge and their subsequent push to the south of Abadan now means that the Iraqians are effectively encircled in two steadily contracting pockets of territory beside the Shatt al-Arab waterway.

According to the Iraqians, the Karun bridge in Khorramshahr is still intact but is subject to so much shell and rifle fire that it is impossible to use.

For more than two weeks now, the Iraqis have fought to cut off the Khorramshahr defenders off from Abadan, rightly surmising that the Iraqians in the second city were still supplying ammunition to their colleagues in the port.

The Iraqians still have a few serviceable Chieftain tanks on the southern bank of the Karun in Khorramshahr, but most of the port has been in Iraqi hands for a fortnight.

Tehran radio said that although all contact had been lost with Khorramshahr, it had none the less received some reports that "the enemy has invested new positions in the city and dug trenches to consolidate his position".

For their part, the Iraqis reported a desperate attempt by the Iraqians to break out of the Abadan encirclement. Baghdad radio claimed that Iraqi Air Force jets provided cover for

the Iraqi tanks which allegedly "liquidated" the Iranian brigades near the Karun river bridge.

Unless the Iraqians themselves sue for peace—which on past experience would be unthinkable—then it seems certain that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq will press on with the siege of Abadan, initiating further diplomatic peace overtures only when the city has surrendered.

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War speeds Cairo peace talks

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Cairo, Oct 27

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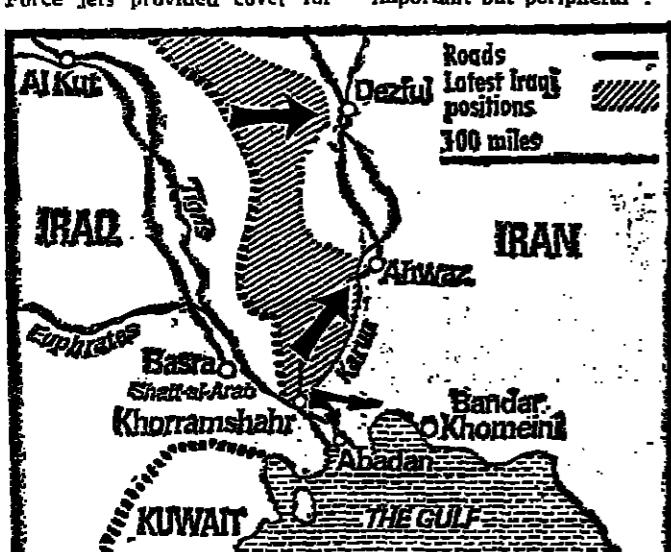
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High Soviet post for trade expert

Moscow, Oct 27—Mr Ivan Archipov, aged 73, an expert on foreign trade, was appointed Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister today in political changes caused by the resignation of Mr Kosygin as Prime Minister.

His promotion from the ranks of the 12 deputy prime ministers makes him nominally second-in-command to Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister.—Reuter.



Peking catches up with fast food, pinball and the good life

From David Bonavia
Peking, Oct 27

Foreign residents and visitors in Peking can no longer complain that they have nothing to do in the evenings except entertain each other.

The municipal authorities have laid on imported television games and pinball tables, racing-car simulators, indoor bowling, air-rifle and archery galleries, bars, mahjong, films from Hongkong, dances and candlelight dinners—all in an effort to keep foreigners happy.

Chinese girls have begun reappearing at the weekly dance in the International Club after months when they did not dare to come.

Though some foreigners here

turn up their noses at such pastimes, there is no doubt that they have helped to ease the frustration and sense of isolation of which they have always complained.

With discretion, it is now possible to have a small circle of private Chinese friends and acquaintances, though there is still a very long way to go before real freedom of social relations will be possible.

People who understand enough Chinese can also learn much about the country by watching colour television which is beginning to show more and more new films, often of a romantic or comic nature, with little political content. American newscasts, old films

and cartoons are shown regularly.

A Chinese woman plays Mozart and Schumann on the grand piano in the club dining room, while foreign patrons order Chinese dishes or European-style food which the older chefs have remembered and taught to younger cooks.

There are so many tourists visiting Peking now that hotels are bursting at the seams and it is nearly impossible to book a table at one of the city's famous restaurants without several days' notice. More Chinese people are eating out, too, and quick-food vans and stalls have appeared on the streets.

The streets are emblazoned with advertising hoardings pro-

claiming the virtues of Chinese face cream and Japanese watches. The authorities have been forced to issue stern warnings to officials not to accept expensive gifts from foreigners to smooth the path for trade deals.

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Nato formula shares Aegean between Greece and Turkey

from Mario Modiano
Athens, Oct 27

The grand compromise that made it possible for Greece to rejoin the integrated military structure of the Nato alliance last week satisfies the Greeks on the control of the sea space in the Aegean while keeping the Turks largely atop on naval command arrangements in the region.

Elements of the "Rogers" formula classified as "secret" had been published in Greek press, compiled in intimations by Greek ministers during last week's debate. Parliament allows some insight into the form of the agreement that was obtained.

The four-point formula agrees at the outset that the interim arrangements agreed in the reintegration are without prejudice to the bilateral issues now pending between Greece and Turkey, and can give no precedent for even a bilateral solution.

According to Point Two, the basis for the reintegration of the Greek Armed Forces is all Nato documents to which there has been a party, although the reservations made in a past on some of these documents remain in force.

The text of the agreements is not listed these reservations, but the main one by far concerned the Military Committee's decision in 1963 to establish a Nato air defence industry that largely coincided with the demarcation line between Greece and they half way between the two Aegean islands and the coast.

This left the Greek air space under the active control of the Greek Force.

The main Greek reservation against the introduction of "task force concept" in Aegean where the Nato commander, "Commander," was a Greek admiral.

These questions are now left for renegotiation. In the meantime, under Point Three of Rogers' formula, the Greek Turkish officers command-

ing respectively Nato's Air Force Headquarters at Larnaca and Izmir will work out the details for the "full and unlimited" exchange of information (cross-talk) between air forces under their command.

Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the Greek Foreign Minister, told Parliament on Friday that "cross-talk" zone would extend 30 miles on either side of the Greek-Turkish boundaries in the eastern Aegean.

This arrangement fully conforms with the Greek insistence for the return to the pre-1974 status. Under the agreement the two commanders will also be consulting with Nato's air force commander, south Europe in Naples about elaborating a new integrated defence system for the area.

Point Four of the agreement stipulates that so long as there is no Nato overall decision on the task force concept, interim naval arrangements in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea will take into consideration the inherent mobility of naval forces.

In this context, the commander-in-chief and the naval commander, south Europe, will decide in consultation with the area commanders the delegation of the operational command of available naval forces.

The meaning of this, of course, is that the Nato naval commander in the Aegean, who is a Greek admiral, stays on but he will no longer have exclusive jurisdiction in the area.

The headquarters in Naples will simply consult with him when assigning an operation to a subordinate commander, who may be a Turk.

Considering that both Greece and Turkey can block any future permanent arrangements that are not to their liking, it can be safely assumed that these interim arrangements will be the most lasting.

This agreement was sanctioned by the Greek Parliament by a wide majority at midnight on Friday with 182 deputies out of 300 giving the Greek Government a vote of confidence after a debate on the issue.

New immigrants make use of Hongkong amnesty

Our Correspondent
Hongkong, Oct 27

July 6, 1982, illegal Chinese citizens in Hongkong applied identity cards and formalisation during the "all out" period announced by the government and which lasted from Thursday to Sunday.

Jack Caius, the Chief Secretary, had said the number of illegal immigrants who could apply was between 15,000 and 20,000.

Today all "illegals" without identity cards were repatriated, regardless of length of stay in Hongkong. Previously their presence was tolerated if they had fled to evade Chinese and Hongkong border guards and to "base" in urban areas.

Illegals have been in Hongkong many years.

Still unregistered are employed and employers who give jobs to people without identity cards are liable to fine of SEK50,000 (about £1) and a year's imprisonment.

Government officials suggest probably that the Chief Secretary's estimate was too low.

A likelier explanation is many illegals suspected he registration offer was a

real hundred Indians and Pakistanis who arrived legally

Fugitives enlist aid of tigers to lose their pursuers

From Richard Hughes
Hongkong, Oct 27

Hongkong's efforts to stem illegal immigration from China have revealed a curious new trade which has developed in the past six months: the sale of tiger's dung.

This, it seems, has become a successful dog repellent, the smell of which can be used to scare away bloodhounds used by Chinese Army units to track and pursue fugitives.

A group of young Chinese in Canton early this year decided to experiment with tiger-dung in their escape attempt and, it is reported, discovered that dogs fear the smell of the stuff.

Since then, the city has made the bounds keep a respectful distance.

The news was swiftly trans-

Officials fail to catch party mood in Russia

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Oct 27

Soviet office parties appear to be getting out of hand, and the authorities are becoming seriously alarmed. Factory managers and their senior staff spend so much time drinking and carousing that meetings are postponed, directives ignored and production slumps.

Office parties, held in working hours and invariably at the State's expense, are being thrown on the slightest excuse: the sixtieth birthday of the director, the engineer's tenth wedding anniversary, the birth of a child, the registration of a new flat. One enterprise in the Far East even organized a huge feast, at a cost of several thousand roubles, to mark the end of the "salted cabbage session."

When Mrs Tatjana Miginova, director of the clothing firm in Khabarovsk - known as "dresses" - turned 50, her employees decided to mark the occasion in a grand way.

The local trade union committee held a meeting. I'm not against a china dinner service, one member remarked, but this is office money which we got from the regional council and the local chamber of commerce. What should we ourselves give? Tatjana Miginova wants a gold and diamond watch. Wouldn't that be a fine gift? Every minute it would remind her of our firm?

Another member murmured that this would cost rather a lot. "Nonsense" said another, "we'll organize a collection through the trade union." And so they did.

Contributions were solicited from various departments and shops. The party was spectacular. The director sat in splendour in the centre of the room with a red sash over her shoulder. There were speeches of congratulation. A beautifully engraved certificate was presented to her. All praised her firm's success.

No-one thought of saying that all this was not really fitting for a good Communist Party member. No one mentioned the fact that the firm had fallen badly behind in its output and there were no dresses to be had in the local shop. No one remembered that the first thing the director had done when she took over was to exchange her three-room flat for a larger one that the housing authorities had made available for those in the firm who had nowhere to live. Of course there was a scandal later on. Mrs Miginova got a sharp reprimand from the local party. But as Sovetskaya Rossiya pointed out in its report, it was not isolated instance.

A former director of a local food enterprise held a banquet for 70 people in the best restaurant. They all had a fine time celebrating his sixtieth birthday, the more so because he had ordered every food shop in the region to send along its delicacies.

But the feast did not end so well. All were arrested, and exchanged their comfortable seats in the restaurant for the hard bench in the dock.

It is not just Khabarovsk that carries on so. A pious official from Volgograd complained to another paper a few months ago that when he put his head round the door of his boss's office, he was told sharply to get out because the official was short though there was no smoking and pandemonium inside.

The local party secretary answered his complaint by saying it was "traditional" and would be considered a deadly insult if the factory had ignored this important birthday.

Cantonese security authorities recently arrested some young men caught scraping the cages of tigers in the Canton zoo. Inquiries then uncovered the business which, it has been reported by local Kuomintang agents, had expanded into tiger-dung trafficking with rural residents of Hunan and Kwangsi provinces.

Prices reportedly ranged from the equivalent of £4 to £8 a basket. However, risky distribution of pure tiger-dung may be the problem. "Sure for rich illegals" and adulterated for the poor", as the Kuomintang report claimed.

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Clasp of friendship between President Brezhnev and Colonel Mengistu at Moscow airport.

Ethiopian leader expected to press Moscow to step up arms supplies

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow, Oct 27

Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, Ethiopia's military leader, began talks today in the Kremlin on the first day of an official visit which is expected to underline the close military and political ties between the Russians and one of their principal African allies.

The Ethiopian leader was met today at the airport by President Brezhnev, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the new Soviet Prime Minister, and Mr Gromyko, the Foreign Minister. Mr Brezhnev led the first round of talks, which almost certainly dealt with Soviet military help for Ethiopia in its struggle against the Eritrean separatists.

Two years ago the Russians signed a 20-year treaty of friendship with Ethiopia and played an important part in supplying the revolutionary regime with weapons and helping it reestablish control over the Ogaden district in the war with Somalia. Colonel

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Moscow to step up its arms supplies.

The Russians will want to talk about Somalia's decision to allow the Americans to use the Berbera base, built by the British Government to maintain relations with both sides in the dispute.

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Pledges and conditions accompany Seoul laws

From Jacqueline Reditt
Seoul, Oct 27

President Chun Doo Hwan today promulgated South Korea's new constitution which automatically means the dissolution of Parliament and of existing political parties.

Mr Chun said that the new constitution, which was supported by 92 per cent of the electorate in last week's referendum, was a firm foundation for a just and democratic welfare state.

The President emphasized the importance of a key provision in the new statutes which limits future presidents to a single term of office. There had been too many past revisions of the constitution by presidents, wanting to hang on to power.

The new constitution comes into force a year after President Park's assassination, ending 18 years of autocratic rule.

Mr Chun said new political parties would be allowed by December but politicians would have to submit to screening by the government. This would be

carried out by the new Legislative Committee for National Security, which would take over all the functions of Parliament until a new National Assembly is voted in next year.

Presidential elections are promised by next March and general elections by May.

But recent harsh verdicts brought against opponents of the regime, including the death penalty for Mr Kim Dae Jung, a former presidential candidate, make it clear that promises of a return to democracy are still conditional upon the peaceful cooperation of the Korean people.

The Government censored to day all reports of the afternoon session of the military court-martial which sentenced Mr Kim to death and the other defendants to prison sentences of between two and 20 years.

Polisario lobby criticizes Queen's Morocco visit

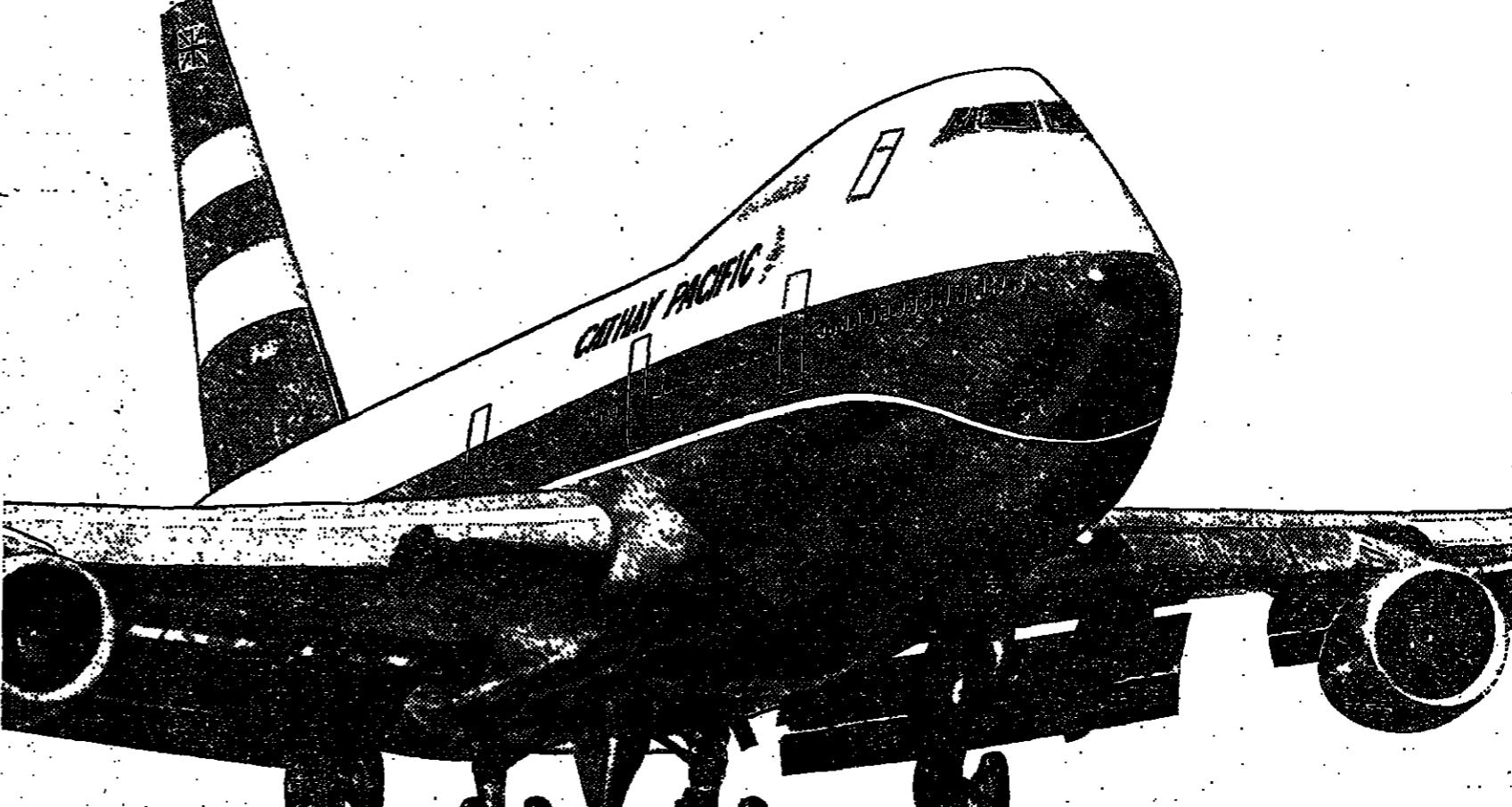
Rabat, Oct. 27.—The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were welcomed here today by King Hassan of Morocco and a crowd estimated at 50,000.

Later they drove through the city to the royal guest house, where they will stay the night before travelling tomorrow to Marrakesh and then Casablanca.

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Emergency powers sought to free some prisoners

House of Commons

A Bill would be introduced tomorrow (Tuesday) to bring in emergency measures to relieve the criminal justice system of some of the burdens placed on it by the action of prison officers during their dispute, Mr. William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, announced.

He said the provisions would lapse when the dispute was resolved and that discussions were far advanced on a new duty system which would eliminate the anomalies which gave rise to the dispute.

Mr. Whitelaw, in a statement about the current dispute in prisons in England and Wales, said: "I should like to emphasize that this is not a dispute about pay. It arises from a claim by the Prison Officers' Association for two allowances for meal breaks.

The new Committee was set up by Mr. Merlyn Rees to consider, amongst other things, the whole question of allowances for meal breaks. Its recommendations on pay and allowances were immediately accepted and implemented by the Government. This was, by any standards, fair and generous treatment for the Prison Service.

A number of claims, including this present one, were examined but not supported by the May

Committee. Having found the money to pay for what they recommended, the Government carried out its promise and settled the dispute.

The Prison Officers' Association have asked for arbitration. As the

Government has agreed to do so, I am sure the members of the Civil Service arbitration agreement. Not

the Government agree to go to arbitration an issue which was considered last year.

As I said in my statement to the House on October 31 last year, this country has been fortunate in the men and women it has selected to run its prison system. They are let down by the public, to serve the courts and to care for the inmates in their charge. This duty is arduous, difficult and sometimes dangerous.

I therefore regret all the more the action which the Prison Officers' Association has chosen to take in pursuing their claim.

It has been decided to negotiate, not only to allow contractors to work in prisons, but also to undertake certain other duties which are necessary to maintain conditions for prisoners, and to provide the facilities to which they are entitled.

Even more seriously, prison

officers at many establishments have refused to return to work, or resign or be sent back to Durham, to be brought immediately into use to provide emergency accommodation to relieve the pressure on police cells.

It will have, government, administrative and industrial action to deal with the emergency.

The police have coped magnificently with the additional demands which have been made on them, but the number of people in their custody is approaching the limit of the available accommodation.

The forces are also being diverted from their normal tasks to meet the inevitable result of this. It is to place the public at risk.

The Government must do all it can to fulfil its responsibility to protect the public and ensure the functioning of the criminal justice system. The Royal Commission, following consultation with the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice, I arranged for a Circular to be issued to magistrates' courts last Tuesday seeking their understanding of the

We need to do more than that, however. Measures will be taken to provide additional accommodation for the police temporarily to hold people committed to prison custody, when it is for any reason

not practicable to secure their admission to prison.

I am satisfied that these powers, regrettably as they are, are necessary in the situation which has been caused by the prison officers' industrial action, which goes well beyond the limits of what is acceptable. But there is an alternative.

I shall seek powers to order the temporary release, on my authority, of those who are necessary to do so, of selected prisoners who have been remanded in custody for trial on sentence. This is a power I would use, with every feasible safeguard, only to ensure that custodial places will be available for the police and elsewhere, for dangerous offenders.

I shall also seek powers for the time being to order the early release of sentenced prisoners nearing the end of their sentence.

I shall ask for a power to restrain magistrates' courts, if necessary, in committing people to prison for such matters as non-payment of fines or rates.

All these provisions will be temporary and will be allowed to lapse when the present dispute is resolved.

In addition, the measures will include a permanent provision putting it beyond doubt that it is lawful for the police temporarily to hold people committed to prison custody, when it is for any reason

Mr Rees: We have to face reality

Mr. Merlyn Rees, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Leeds, South).

The statement reflects the deteriorating situation in the prison service, he said.

The situation Mr Whitelaw faces is one which the previous Government faced in the latter part of 1976. In many prisons, the

governors are the branch of the Prison Officers' Association. Something

has to be done.

It was for that reason that the May Committee was set up to review the terms of reference given to the situation and I accept what Mr Whitelaw says—that a number of claims, including this present one, were examined and not supported by the May Committee.

On behalf of our side, ignore that fact. The facts have not changed because we are in Opposition (Conservative cheer).

The Government recommended profound changes. We need to be used. Will the legislation conflict with what used to be called the Army Act?

Why do we not use this situation to make long-term changes in penal policy? To have 50 per cent remission; reduced sentences; non-custodial sentences.

The change will be to do what the Prison Officers' Association have asked for, a long-term reduction in the need for overtime.

We will look at the Bill and do what we can to help. (Some Labour interruptions and shouts of "Why?" I am speaking for any body who faces up to the reality of the position.

Do we want to get the Bill through in one day? Is it essential to have it by Wednesday?

Mr Whitelaw—Mr Rees has made clear he stands by what he said when he appointed the May Committee. We would not do that, the future of such committees will become hazardous.

We can discuss the Army's role during passage of the Bill. I understand it will not conflict with the Army Act. The Army could be responsible for managing. But we would have the prison staff there, and governors and assistant governors, to lay down what would happen.

The measures I have announced are the only ones which would make quickly to relieve a dangerous and worsening situation in the prison cells.

I agree with what Mr Rees said about the longer-term proposal. That is exactly what I am seeking to do following the May Committee report. Nobody can pretend I and the Home Office have not made considerable strides towards improving conditions in our prisons since then.

I naturally regret having to ask the House to consider this Bill, those who doubt that the prison cells situation is extremely unsatisfactory. It is unsatisfactory for the police and it is dangerous.

We could, in certain circumstances, take out those people who Whitelaw said later he would consider taking upon themselves the power to release prisoners before sentences are completed?

This is a dangerous action to take and could be used as a precedent in a way that would worry us.

Mr Whitelaw—There is always a real danger I am more worried about the executive use of bail and would only use in very exceptional circumstances and under the most stringent safeguards.

I have it in mind to write into the Bill that where these measures will lapse, unless renewed by affirmative resolution of the House after a very limited period.

Mr. Hugh Hughes (Durham, Lab.)—Under what right have the Army already moved into Frankland Prison in my constituency?

My constituents are security conscious. They are not afraid of bullets up the spout of their rifles. Who commands them? Can they pursue escaped prisoners in hot pursuit?

Mr Whitelaw—The security of Mr Hughes' constituents would be a matter for the police and not the Army.

There have been consultations between my officials and the chief constable of the area concerned.

Mr Whitelaw—There has been a considerable improvement in recruiting to the prison service.

Mr. Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C.) asked if he had ruled out the

possibility of referring this isolated aspect of the prison officer's claim back to the May Committee.

Mr Whitelaw said he would not rule out particular actions but it must be accepted that the May Committee considered the issue.

He asked Mr Whitelaw to consider removing as many of the 3,500 prisoners now in police custody to open prisons.

Mr Whitelaw said he would consider that but the industrial action was preventing the intake of prisoners into open prisons as well.

I will look into that matter (he said). I hope the Prison Officers' Association will consider it too.

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Why the whites are still leaving Zimbabwe

Nicholas Ashford reports on the controversial voices that make Mr Mugabe's balancing act in government even more precarious

Salisbury
Dr Herbert Ushewokunze, the Minister of Health, has emerged as the member of Mr Robert Mugabe's Government whom whites in Zimbabwe fear and dislike most.

During the past few weeks he has been making speeches around the country calling for substantive changes in the health services.

"The senior health acts of last governments," he declared earlier this month, "ensure economic or racial segregation in our hospitals." It was therefore necessary to create a new system that reflected a democratic spirit in the health service and overcame the colonial mentality.

It is language like this which creates the impression among whites that standards of health care are going to fall, and that the time has come for them to start packing their bags and head south. Yet at the same time it is just this sort of rhetoric that many black supporters of the Government want to hear. Some blacks, disappointed by what they perceive to be the Government's over-conciliatory attitude towards the white minority have dubbed Dr Ushewokunze the "minister of the few". One of the few members of the Government seem to be responding to the aspirations of the electorate.

The contrasting white and black attitudes towards Dr Ushewokunze symbolize the central dilemma facing Mr Mugabe as he completes his first six months as Prime Minister of independent Zimbabwe—the need to balance black interests with black expectations, the need to avoid dislocation of the European-controlled economy while at the same time giving the black majority more jobs, more land, better pay.

For the past six months Mr Mugabe has been able to perform this balancing act with considerable adroitness, but it is becoming steadily more difficult. More whites are beginning to migrate, with a big increase forecast for the end of the year. Blacks are becoming increasingly tired of waiting for the fruits of dependence to come their

way. A rash of industrial stoppages and an increase in black squatting on white-owned land are tangible expressions of black frustration.

Government ministers seem perplexed why so many whites appear to be losing confidence in the Government when their way of living has been so little affected by the political changes that have taken place. Has not the Government, they ask, gone out of its way to assure them there will not be any anti-white discrimination, to conserve private enterprise, to guarantee a continuation of white commercial farming?

All this is true enough. The mere sight of whites continuing to occupy the tables of Salisbury's best restaurants or filling most of the seats on flights to and from the country is a reflection of where economic power still lies.

Despite some nasty incidents in which white farmers were killed (one of which has resulted in Mr Edgar Tekere, Minister of Manpower Planning, facing no criminal charges), Europe no longer travel around the country in fear of their lives. They no longer have to undertake lengthy call-ups in the security forces. The economy is booming to such an extent that shortages of some commodities are starting to build up. White farmers have just received the biggest increase in the price of maize for years.

There have been other pluses as well, such as participation in the Olympic Games by Zimbabwean athletes or a rugby tour of the British Isles. Sporting links may have been severed with South Africa, but Zimbabweans can once again enjoy the spectacle of a cricket match against a leading British county side, Middlesex, (which contained more "black" players than the Zimbabweans).

Yet despite all this, there is a growing mood of apprehension in the white community. Although many whites are still determined to stay in Zimbabwe, an increasing number feel their chances of doing so are dwindling. They feel this increase has been brought about partly because of speeches being made by people like Dr Ushewokunze which create the impression—rightly or wrongly

that the country's once high standards of education and health may be sacrificed for the sake of political expediency.

There is concern about what are perceived to be falling standards of law and order, and the possibility of conflict between guerrillas loyal to Mr Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo, Minister of Home Affairs. And there is an underlying fear that despite the moderate line followed by the Prime Minister so far, the Government may soon embark on a major socialist programme designed to spread the nation's wealth more evenly along the nation's seven million black inhabitants.

In a recent speech to the Zimbabwe Economic Society Mr Mugabe stressed that despite the attainment of independence, economic power did not rest in the hands of the Zimbabwean people and therefore their liberation from "colonial exploitation" was still not complete. However, he stressed that because of the country's unique development the process of some transformation envisaged by his Government would "recognise the reality of free enterprise" however contradictory this may seem to our basic principle of socialism". In other words there would be no sudden switch to socialism, but change would be gradual so as not to disturb the country's economic structure.

To some of his supporters this is seen as a sign that Mr Mugabe is committed to a market economy for the foreseeable future. It is impossible to construct socialism on the superstructure of capitalism," said one slightly disillusioned supporter at the University of Zimbabwe. "That way you can only build socialism on the periphery." What would happen instead would be the rapid embourgeoisement of blacks moving into commerce, the parastatals and the civil service who would then resist attempts to bring about more radical change in a few years' time. This would merely increase the gulf between the "haves" and "have-nots" that existed during colonial times, the difference being that the "haves" would be black instead of white. The "have-

nots" would remain the 80 per cent of the population living in the countryside.

Mr Nkomo's Patriotic Front Party, which has a minority position in the Government, has accused Zanu (PF) ministers of commencing this process of embourgeoisement with themselves. Senior Zanu officials have pointed out that ministers seem more interested in acquiring expensive houses in white suburbs, driving around in ministerial Mercedes cars and eating in gourmet restaurants rather than tackling the problems of land hunger, unemployment and malnutrition.

The PF's criticism, which is clearly designed to woo voters away from Zanu (PF) in next month's local government elections, is only partly justified. It is true that some ministers and senior party officials are undoubtedly enjoying the fruits of office, but they have also chalked up some signal achievements during the first six months in office.

The programme of rehabil-

tating peasant farmers who had sought refuge in the cities or who had been herded into "protected villages" has gone remarkably well. Some 200,000 refugees have been brought back from neighbouring countries and a start has been made on resettling them and other peasants on what was formerly white land. Many rural schools and clinics have been reopened. The integration of the guerrilla forces is going well. The mere fact that peace has been maintained, despite the continued existence of three rival armies, is probably the most remarkable achievement of all.

All this notwithstanding, however, the pressure for more rapid change is going to increase and Mr Mugabe's balancing act will become steadily more difficult. There is a group within the Zanu (PF) hierarchy, who are said to have the support of the Zanla guerrilla forces, who are pressing for a more radical line by the Government.

They include Dr Ushewokunze and Mr Tekere who

retain his portfolio and his position as secretary-general of Zanu (PF) despite his murder charge.

On the other hand, there are constraints on Mr Mugabe preventing him from doing so—the need to encourage more aid and investment (which is mainly coming from the West), to maintain white confidence, to restore self-sufficiency in agriculture so as to obviate the need for expensive food imports from South Africa and to underwrite the political and economic stability of neighbouring states like Zambia and Mozambique, want to see in Zimbabwe in order to start revitalising their own economies.

If he manages to keep this balance Mr Mugabe will have lived up to the epithet of "good old Bob" which many whites have conferred on him.

The figure of more than 57,000 in an article in the Sunday on October 18 should have referred to the total number of casualties, not deaths, on the first day of the battle.

It is here that the tangle begins and, indeed, the conflicts

for anyone seriously to advise the action. Never mind whether we do or do not do; is it reasonably possible?

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CND MARCHES BACK

Rallies may come and rallies may go. Trafalgar Square has seen a great many of them over the years. But the massive demonstration of support for the Campaign of Nuclear Disarmament on Sunday afternoon was an event of considerable political significance because it represented the revival of a movement whose activities had such an impact on British public affairs at the beginning of the 1960s. Why has this revival occurred now, and for how long can one expect it to last?

There is no single explanation for the second coming of CND and there will be no general agreement on the relative weight to be attached to the different causes. A principal factor, though, is that critical decisions now have to be taken for the next generation of Britain's nuclear weapons. The essence of Gaiskell's battle is that it was fought and won not simply on the basis of what was prudent for the Labour Party, but also on what was wise for the nation. His victory therefore had reverberations well beyond the party. Unilateral nuclear disarmament became a rejected cause, a conclusion that was confirmed by the Test Ban Treaty of 1963 which appeared to testify to the success of the multilateral approach. Unilateralism became if not a dead at least very much a peripheral issue for a generation.

That has changed with the dispute over the Trident and Cruise missiles. The argument has been joined once again, with a public many of whom are totally uninfluenced by the previous debate and in circumstances that are different in a number of respects. One is that the international scene seems more forbidding. Twenty years ago the Soviet Union did not possess nuclear parity with the west. Now the possibility of

nuclear war seems a more real threat to life in British towns and cities, as indeed it does to life in every member country of the western alliance. Recognition of this threat is seen in the new preoccupation with civil defence which is both an acknowledgement of the danger and, to many people an inadequate safeguard against it. The threat seems all the greater in the atmosphere of heightened international tension which has followed the invasion of Afghanistan. To many people nuclear war no longer seems a mere abstract possibility against which the balance of terror provides an adequate political safeguard.

There are other factors which have nothing to do with the intrinsic merits of the unilateralist case. One is the growing strength of the environmental lobby against all forms of nuclear energy. This movement has been fed by the controversy over Windscale and the episode of Three Mile Island. It is not confined to Britain; indeed, it is much more influential in such countries as Sweden and West Germany. It represents a widespread international anxiety over the threat presented to society by the increasing reliance on nuclear power for peaceful purposes; and it is natural that many of those who are disturbed by nuclear energy for peaceful purposes should be even more alarmed by decisions which imply that the western world will be relying upon it for defence for at least another generation.

Then there is the current preoccupation with public expenditure. Those who most resent cuts in spending on health, education and social welfare look at the vast sums absorbed by nuclear weapons and conclude that if this money was saved more could be spent on the schemes on which it is based.

In one respect, however, the Bill gives cause for disquiet. It provides that magistrates would have the power to further remand a prisoner in custody in his absence. Under existing law, prisoners on remand normally come before the courts every week, when they are either released on bail, remanded in custody for a further period, or committed for trial. This is designed to allow a prisoner to renew his application for bail, and permits magistrates to deal with any new factors that may have arisen in the meantime, including, although rarely, allegations of ill-treatment. The regular appearance by an unconvicted accused is an ancient and necessary safeguard against injustice and abuse. The law permits exceptions in limited circumstances in cases where the accused does not personally attend court but is legally represented. It is essential that the safeguard of being represented should be incorporated into the emergency Bill. How else could a court be apprised of those matters which the accused wishes to bring before it? If he cannot do that, there is no point in calling his name every week only for him to be further remanded in custody. If, as appears to be the case in some prisons, access by a prisoner to his lawyer is being denied, then the only answer may be to give the Army the additional task of escorting prisoners to court.

The second batch of powers sought by Mr Whitelaw which affect the administration of criminal justice are complementary to the first. They are designed to relieve the conditions which have necessitated recourse to the Army. Some of the measures in the Bill have long been urged by penal reformers as a means of reducing the numbers of people in prison. The restrictions on imprisoning fine and maintenance defaulters, for instance, now being put forward as a temporary expedient, could become permanent. Reducing the length of sentences by releasing some offenders nearing the end of their term of imprisonment would also conform to the widely held opinion that many prisoners were being kept in custody for far too long. Obviously, those released under that dispensation in the Bill should not include any who were thought to be dangerous to society. The Home Secretary's power to release, on what amounts to executive bail, prisoners remanded or committed for trial in custody, will, if those so released behave properly and turn up for trial, support the view that bail is sometimes unnecessarily refused by the courts.

EMERGENCY IN THE PRISONS

Any legislation hurried through Parliament in an emergency needs to be scrutinized particularly carefully to ensure that it does not go farther than is absolutely necessary, both in the scope of the exceptional powers created, and in the adverse effect it may have on individual civil liberties. The Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill, which is to be put to the House of Commons today, with the intention that it complete all its stages before going to the House of Lords tomorrow, is, in the whole, a firm but reasonable response to the difficulties which have arisen from the prison officers' industrial action. A point had been reached when the Home Secretary had to act.

The powers which the Home Secretary is asking Parliament to grant fall into two main categories. The first affects the Army and its facilities. The nature of their training does not qualify older soldiers to take on that part of a prison officer's duties which involves close and continuing personal contact with prisoners within the prison confines. So far Mr Whitelaw has indicated that he intends using Army personnel to perform such duties as guarding the perimeter of prisons, tanning switchboards, and carrying out clerical functions. For what they are suited. The Home Secretary has also raised the possibility that Army accommodation may have to be used to

ZAMBIA

resident Kaunda has given a rather unconvincing explanation for clamping curfews on all Zambia's cities on the eve of its thirtieth independence anniversary celebrations, after a shoot-out with an armed insurrectionary band. He accuses south Africa, suggesting that retorta's motives for destabilizing Zambia have some connexion with its troops in the Caprivi strip, which are fighting wapo guerrillas based in Angola. The South Africans entered Zambia territory recently and tried to have talks with the Zambian command, which refused. But it is hard to see how promoting a coup in Zambia could ease South Africa's problems.

South Africa is negotiating with the United Nations in the proposed elections in Namibia and demanding the exclusion of wapo forces from the proposed neutral zone along the Namibia frontier which is to include part of the Caprivi strip. Making trouble for Dr Kaunda seems relevant to that admiringly ornery problem. Even if there were a coup in Zambia, South Africa would still be expected by the United Nations and the western powers to hold "free and fair" elections in Namibia, interference in Zambia would

seem to weaken South Africa's argument that its hands are cleaner than other peoples', and might strengthen support in the United Nations for sanctions if the elections are delayed.

It may be tempting to President Kaunda to wheel in the racists as whipping-boys. But he also went out of his way to exonerate President Mobutu of Zaire from setting mercenaries on him. The report that some of the gunmen were Katangese might imply that Zaire was cooperating with South Africa. In fact, Katangese bandits have troubled the copperbelt for years.

A clue to the President's thinking may lie in his statement that only three members of Zambia's forces were involved in the abortive coup. This seems a warning to malcontents that he still has the Army on his side; so long as it is, no coup can succeed. The question remains what tribe or faction does wish to overthrow the Kaunda regime.

There is deep discontent. The economic crisis, which many hoped would abate once Zimbabwe came under black rule, has dragged on. Zambia is short of foreign exchange and import controls have emptied the shops. Unemployment—Zambia has a larger urban sector than most African countries—is severe. For

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Law Report October 27 1980

Court of Appeal

Forged statement a document 'made evidence by law'

Attorney General's Reference (no 32 of 1980).

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Stocker and Mr Justice Gidewell.

[Opinion delivered October 24]

A police constable who forged with intent to deceive a written statement which was later tendered to the court under section 5 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, committed an offence under section 3(3)(g) of the Forgery Act 1971, or forging a document which was made evidence by law and an offence under section 6(1) of the Act of making a forged document which was made evidence by law.

The Court of Appeal was giving an opinion on a point of law referred by the Attorney General under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972.

Section 3(3) provides:

"If any document used to defraud or deceive shall be punishable, (g) any document or copy of a document used or intended to be used in evidence in any court or record or any document which is made evidence by law."

Section 6(1) provides: "Every person who utters any forged document . . . shall be guilty of an offence . . . and on conviction thereof shall be liable to the same punishment as if it had him forged the document."

Mr David Tudor Price for the Attorney General; Mr Peter Dugay for the respondent police officer.

MR JUSTICE STOCKER said that the officer was charged under section 3(3)(g) and section 6(1) of the Forgery Act, 1971. He was in charge of a summary prosecution, and at the hearing he handed over the written statement which he was tendering to the court under section 5 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1967, with the consent of the defence. He later admitted that the purported witness had neither paid him expenses nor signed it. The masters of justice in the state were capable of being witnesses, but the officer, because he had forgotten to approach them by the date of the trial, had written the purporting statement to the appropriate court or tribunal. If the judge's ruling was correct, even that class of document would not be capable of being forged until tendered in evidence.

It was now disputed that the document tendered, if genuine,

was properly admitted in evidence in accordance with section 9(1) of the Criminal Justice Act. The judge stated: "In any criminal proceeding . . . a written statement by any person shall, if such of the provisions of this section in so far as they relate to such sub-sections as are applicable, be admissible as evidence to the like extent as oral evidence to the like effect by that person."

The judge held that there was no case to go to trial under section 3(3)(g), since the document only became evidence when tendered to the court and not at the time the attorney had not achieved the status of "document made evidence by law" and ruled that accordingly there was no evidence under section 6(1).

Nor did their Lordships accept as valid the contention that documents within the ambit of section 3(3)(g) could not be admitted unless which required nothing further to be done before they could be admitted, since for example the *Black Book Evidence Act 1978*, which requires a copy of an entry in a banker's book receivable as evidence, prescribed a number of requirements and one of them was to be fulfilled before an entry in a banker's book was receivable, with the consequence that if the judge's ruling was correct no false copy of such entry could support a conviction under section 6(1), unless it was rendered fit for evidence, which could not be uttered until it was so received.

The judge's ruling rendered impossible in every, or almost every case, any conviction under section 3(3)(g), unless the forgery took place after the document received was "evidence". In these Lordships' view no "evidence" could exist, be it documentary, oral, or in the form of an exhibit, in proceedings in which it was evidence of the fact then in issue. It seemed contrary to the manifest intention of the Forgery Act to offend officers under section 3(3)(g) to documents after they had become evidence in the sense. The judge's ruling would for practical purposes deprive the subsection of all subject matter.

On the proper construction, section 3(3)(g) was concerned with documents which were made

evidence by law and rendered in accordance with the provisions and conditions of the relevant Act, became "documents made evidence by law" and its forgery of such class of documents which was the subject matter of that subsection.

Thus the phrase "document made evidence by law" was descriptive of a class of document and was not descriptive of the document when its reception in evidence rendered it "evidence". Consequently any person committed an offence under the subsection if he, with intent to defraud or deceive, produced a document which, if made and tendered in evidence in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant statute and relating thereto would become a document made evidence by law.

Solicitors: DPP; Bertram White & Co, Epsom.

Chancery Division

Consent order: discharge refused

panel Ltd v F. W. Woolworth

store Mr Justice Foster

Judgment delivered October 23]

A subsequent change in the law as held by Mr Justice Foster to an insufficient reason to upset consent orders. His Lordship dismissed a motion by Three Peaks Holtsoles Cash and Carry Ltd, second defendants, to discharge them as they had given by undertakings they had given by themselves that they were not the purveyors of the first company, panel Ltd, pending trial of an action for trade mark infringement.

Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, and Terence Studding for panel Ltd; Mr Studding for the first company, Three Peaks Holtsoles Cash and Carry Ltd, second defendants.

Three Peaks was importing similar products from Belgium which had been supplied by Chanel, an American company. They had the same marks, the only difference being that the first company, showing "Chanel Inc New York" and giving the formula as used by United States law, was the parent company, Fibro AG, located in Switzerland. There was another English company in the group, a subsidiary of it. It was known who the subscribers of Chanel Inc or the Chanel, a French company, were. It turned out that Chanel Ltd sold goods in France, and that the United States company either purchased them or had them imported in itself. No doubt the interconnection and degree of control between the companies would be apparent.

On April 1, 1979, a consent order made restraining the defendant from dealing in goods originating with Chanel Ltd or Chanel parfumes. There was an standing request by Three Peaks for further discovery. On

October 22, 1979, the Court of

Appeal gave judgment in *Revolon Inc v Cripps and Lee* (1980) FSR 85. Now Three Peaks sought to have that order set aside on the ground that Chanel Ltd had no right to sue, and so could not bring an action against Revlon.

Two questions arose: (1) Could a consent order be set aside where there was no allegation that it was made by fraud or mistake? (2) Did the Revlon decision mean that Chanel had no real reasonable undertaking at the hearing of the action?

In *Purcell v F.C. Trifell Ltd* (1971) 1 QB 358, the Court of Appeal held that a consent order could not be set aside even on an extraordinary circumstance where the parties were jointly and severally liable to the plaintiff under a contract entered into with the knowledge of the material matters by a legally competent person.

In *GCT Management Ltd v London Metal Group Ltd* (1973) RPC 432, the plaintiffs were the defendants' undertaking under a group of contracts.

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Three Peaks then sought to set aside the consent order on the ground that there was continuing confusion between the names of the two defendants. The first defendant said at page 45A that once the plaintiffs were prepared to accept undertakings in the belief that they would obviate the possibility of serious damage, providing trial of the action it would be wholly reasonable to allow them to reopen the matter even if the circumstances subsequently indicated what the result of a change of name would be.

Three Peaks relied on *Regent Officetel Ltd v J. J. Harvey Ltd* (1976) 1 WLR 2120. The defendant had consented to the continuation until trial of an injunction restraining a breach of a sole agreement. In the meantime the Court of Appeal gave two judgments which almost completely covered the present case. There were many facts that would enable Chanel to distinguish the present case.

His Lordship refused leave to appeal.

Solicitors: Wilkinson, Kimber & Staddon; Philip Baker, King & Co, Birmingham.

Property adjustment order: issue estoppel

b v Haynes and Another

Court of Appeal held that it is fundamental to the jurisdiction of the Family Division under section 24 of the Matrimonial Act 1973 (to make property adjustment orders in connection with divorce proceedings); that the court should give over what property in the interests of parties where there was no issue decided by the Family Division under section 24.

In order to make an order under section 24 the court must be able to determine what were the rights of the parties. Issue estoppel is a well-known principle of law.

Lord Justice Brightman, agreed that the question of whether the wife was entitled to a share in the equity of the house, but provided that the party against whom the estoppel was raised had had a full and fair opportunity to contest the issue so that it would not be just to allow her to do so in the absence of an effective finding.

MASTER OF THE ROLLS agreed that the question of whether the wife was entitled to a share in the equity of the house, a person should not have to fight all over again the same issue which had been decided before.

If there was a dispute with a third party, the court should provide for a declaration of a particular piece of property, that dispute had to be resolved before an effective finding could be made.

In such a case as the present the Family Division had jurisdiction under section 24 to decide property rights.

Lord Justice Griffiths agreed with both judgments.

covenant, the injunction had been made in reliance on a decision wrong in law and should thus be discharged.

That case was before *American Cyanamid* and the rest had been whether the plaintiff had made out a prima facie case. The original injunction had not been made by consent. The defendant had only consented to its continuation until trial. The point before his Lordship had not been argued in that case.

In Revlon all the facts had been before the court and adjudicated upon. In the present case all the facts were by no means before the court and the consent order provided that there should be no removal of the motion until trial. The rest was not different: did Chanel have any real prospect of succeeding in its claim for a permanent injunction? Three Peaks admitted that its evidence was incomplete in attempting to prove that the actual conduct of the Chanel group was bad, invited the court to draw inferences to show that there was sufficient group control to bring it within the Revlon case. In that case the House of Lords, in refusing leave to appeal, had said that it would be better if the action went for trial.

There was no proper evidence before his Lordship on which to decide whether the undertaking should be discharged since Chanel had not answered the evidence of Three Peaks on the motion. Three Peaks did not allege any mistake in the order, and relied only on a subsequent change in the law. In his Lordship's view that was an insufficient reason to upset a consent order. If his Lordship were strong, the evidence was clearly insufficient to justify the Revlon decision completely covering the present case. There were many facts that would enable Chanel to distinguish the present case.

His Lordship refused leave to appeal.

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Farewell to Master Jacob

Bench and Bar paid tribute to Master Jacob, Senior Queen's Bench, Master of Queen's Remembrance since 1975, or his retirement.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the court of the Queen's Bench, presided over the assembly of judges.

Sir John Sirac, QC, said that Sir Jack Jacob was one of the best known and most popular figures in the Royal Courts of Justice. He had become a Justice of the Queen's Bench in 1975 and over the years he had given his services to the law in this country and elsewhere in many ways.

The judge stated at one everyday hearing a distinguished catalogue of editors on the spine of the White Book. It was not merely with his erudition and large experience that he had endeared himself to all who knew him.

He was known and respected throughout the world. Every generation produced a personality whose name and reputation enriched that generation and became a byword for succeeding generations. To such a man they were saying au revoir.

A large group of the public both at home and abroad paid much to him: young lawyers, students, new practitioners and those now no longer from time to time had gone to him for advice, and no one ever left disappointed or lacking in encouragement.

Justice Hollings found that the legal title to the house was in the plaintiff, but that the equitable title was in the defendant.

In Chancery proceedings the plaintiff claimed that she was entitled to have the legal estate of a house conveyed to her.

Lord Justice Griffiths agreed with both judgments.

Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, on behalf of the Bar, associated himself enthusiastically with what Justice Hollings had said.

Everyone who has known



Top left: Pure wool coat £75 and kilt £18.99 from major branches of Marks & Spencer. Plaid shirt by Margaret Howell £26 from 25 St Christopher's Place, London W1. Camel/lambwool/cashmere mix cable stitch waistcoat £35 from all branches of Jaeger. Silk scarf by Mulberry from Harrods, Liberty and nationwide. Leather gloves £7.99 from Marks & Spencer. Quilted ankle boots £29.99 from all branches of Russell & Bromley.

Above: Classic camel trench coat £149, moleskin knickerbockers £37, button down tattersall check shirt £27, Intarsia patterned cashmere sweater £43 and matching cardigan £59 all from selected branches of Jaeger. Kickback ankle boots £21.95 from Kickself shops, 156 Wandsworth Bridge Road, London and 301-305 Kentish Town Road, London. Opens November 6th. Also at Bodlees of Leeds, Terracotta of Oxford, Clogs of Birmingham, First Base of Edinburgh, Pairs of Aberdeen and Inverness, Rico of Newcastle. Argyll socks by Hot Sox from Harrods, Fenwicks and Kickers branches.

Left: Deep pile fur fabric coat by Stephen Marks, £99 from all branches of Friends, Canes, Walton Street, London SW3, Arana of Colchester and Chloe of Manchester. Handknit trews £40 by Margaret Howell at 25 St Christopher's Place, London W1. Handknit flower-embroidered cardigan by Edina & Lena, £31.50 from Teamwork, St Christopher's Place, London W1, and 141 Kings Road, London. Rose-patterned quilted boots £22.99, red taupe, and black from main branches of Russell & Bromley.

Jewelry from a selection at Butler & Wilson, 189 Fulham Road, London.

Photographs by John Swannell. Hair and makeup by Phelps-Gardiner at Stephen Way.

The London Fashion Week

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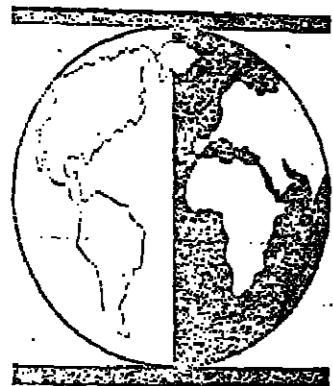
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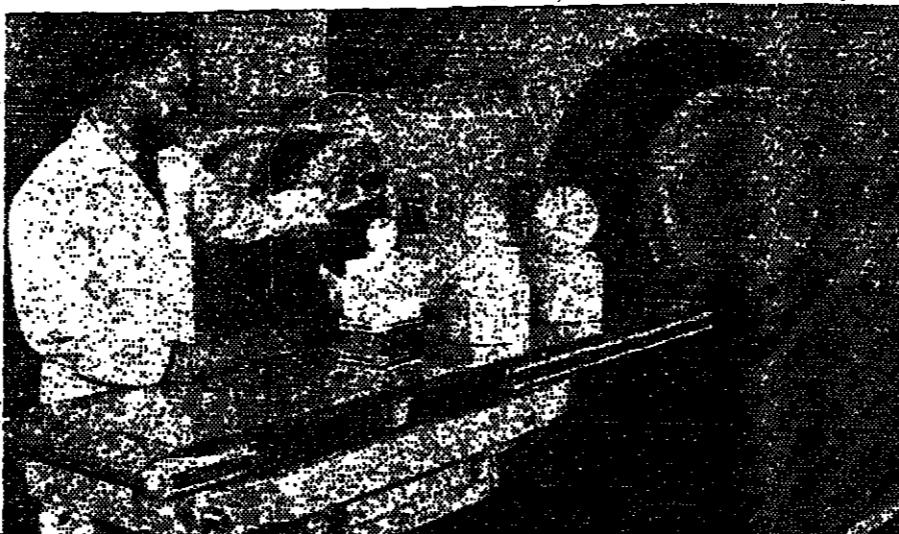
Satellites and ground radar combine for accurate rainfall picture

New frontiers on weather forecasts

A combination of ground-based radar observations and pictures taken from earth-orbiting satellites is expected to form the basis for a new method of predicting the weather, and in particular the rainfall, for a period of a few hours ahead.

Known as Frontiers, the system has been devised by the Meteorological Office and the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment at Malvern, and it is being investigated further under contract by Logica, the London computing and communications consultancy.

Computer-aided weather forecasting techniques, covering periods from one to three days ahead, have advanced significantly in recent years. But a growing



Morocco in \$1,000m oil from shale plan

Morocco plans to become the first Arab or African country to extract oil from shale and is prepared to risk nearly \$1,000 million (about £417m) in the next five years to exploit its deposits, it is reported from Rabat.

Like all developing countries which import oil, Morocco has been hit hard by the rising price of crude. This year's energy import bill is expected to be 5,000m dirhams (about £200m) or almost one-third of all imports.

To pay for this, Morocco relies heavily on its phosphate industry. Despite a rise in the price of phosphate rock from \$22 to \$55 per tonne this year, revenue from exports of phosphate and derivatives will not cover the country's energy bill, and the oil from shale project is seen as an economic necessity.

Crude exports down

Oman's crude oil exports in September amounted to 8.5 million barrels, a report published by Petroleum Development (Oman) says. The Sultanate exported 9.1 million barrels in August. Oman's main customers are Japan and the United States.

Tokyo steel sales

Japan's steel exports to the United States are expected to drop at least 10 per cent between October and December from the preceding quarter, partly due to a decline in demand, industry sources in Tokyo say. Exports to the United States have been declining since the beginning of this year.

Nissan for Tennessee

A report from Washington says that Nissan Motor Co., Japan's second largest car maker, has decided to locate its planned United States truck plant near Nashville, Tennessee. The Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun says the Japanese company will make a formal announcement soon.

Hongkong deficit

A sharp drop in exports of Hongkong-made products contributed to a \$16.25m (about £520m) trade deficit in September, according to the Asian Wall Street Journal. Exports fell 11.6 per cent to \$195.38m from August's \$17m surplus.

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demand has emerged for an up-to-the-minute picture of the weather and accurate rainfall forecast for a few hours ahead. Users such as water authorities, for example, need to produce river flow predictions from hydrological models.

In the Frontiers system, ground-based radar and satellite imagery will be the principal tools used to observe the detailed structure of rainfall systems and associated cloud patterns. By correlating radar data, satellite pictures and conventional weather observations on a colour video display, an instantaneous picture of precipitation over the whole of the United Kingdom, plus a prediction for the next six hours, will be provided.

It will be possible to compare and contrast digital satellite cloud imagery with radar rainfall data over a period of time and to view them as a "fast-action replay".

A short-period forecast, clearly, is a perishable commodity which requires frequent updating and prompt dissemination to the users. Telex and videodata systems such as Prestel will help to provide easy access to the forecasts, and there will also be direct computer links for major users.

Frontiers is expected to be a significant technological advance, providing exceptionally effective interaction between the human expert and the computer.

Repetitive tasks will be automated, enabling the forecaster to make the most use of his or her judgment. The forecaster will have access to complete data previously unavailable, and all the information required will be generated at the terminal on an animated display.

An attempt to tackle the first of these problems is represented at Redhill in a

Project known as trunking, or dynamic channel assignment. This makes more use of the available radio frequencies by sharing a pool of channels among several users.

A user requesting a call is automatically assigned a channel, but only for the duration of the conversation. After the conversation is completed, the channel is returned to the pool, ready for use by other users.

On occasion all channels will be occupied and further calls will have to wait. The delay should not be more than a few seconds. According to Philips, trunked systems can accommodate up to six times as many users as a given number of channels, and they are inherently more reliable and less susceptible to interference than single-channel systems.

Joint work by Philips' teams in Redhill and in Hilversum, the Netherlands, is leading to an advanced trunking system along these lines. Possible features include fleet calling and selective calling; automatic status updating; automatic interconnection with telephone networks; and emergency calling and dynamic reassignment of priorities (an important factor for the public safety services).

Kenneth Owen

Training boards move is opposed

By Patricia Tisdall
Management Correspondent

Proposals to shift the operating costs of industrial training boards from the Exchequer to industry were described yesterday as impractical by the Construction Industry Training Board, one of the largest of the 24 industry training boards.

The CITB's comments on the plan, along with those from about 300 other groups, are due to be considered at a Manpower Services Commission meeting on Thursday.

The CITB says the proposals may little regard to the practicability for transferring expenditure to industry at a time of severe and continuing recession. It also says that the plan could have a "serious, and even terminal" effect on in-

dustry training boards if rushed through on the timetable envisaged by the review body.

"Exchequer support of a proportion, if not the whole, of operating expenditure is an important part of the Government's recognition of its national obligations in the field of training," the CITB says.

It suggests that, while industry should be responsible for staff costs, there should be a compensatory payment paid at an agreed level by the Government.

Other recommendations are that the scope of the boards should be widened to take in public sector organizations. In particular, the scope of the CITB should be widened to cover the public works departments of local authorities, the works departments of health

authorities, and the activities of architects, quantity surveyors, consulting engineers and similar professions.

To cut down on bureaucracy the CITB recommends that the industry training boards should report directly to the Department of Employment. It says that the present dual responsibility to the Manpower Services Commission and its training services division has led to a "costly, time-consuming, and bureaucratic structure" with unnecessary layers of administration.

The CITB agrees with the review body conclusions that changes in the basis of funding and accountability are needed. The way Exchequer funding has been applied has led to extreme uncertainty and made financial planning difficult, it says.

CBI favours Government scheme on engineers

By Our Management Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry, which has been standing back while arguments raged over the constitution of a new chartered body for professional engineers, has told Sir Keith Joseph last night that provided employers' interests were adequately represented, it would support the Government's scheme.

The CBI believes that to be effective the new body should be small and tightly knit. It recommends that it should consist of no more than 15 members plus a chairman. At least half its members should have experience as employees.

Provided that employers' interests are thus represented, the CBI supports the Government's recommendation that the body should be set up by Royal Charter, rather than by statute and that it should work through existing engineering institutions.

The CBI's views are likely to be similar to those of the Engineering Employers' Federation, which has maintained all along that it wants a majority of employers on the new body.

Submissions from the EEF on the proposals will be put to the Department of Industry shortly. They are likely to be much more detailed than those of the CBI and include the names of possible candidates for the organization, including that for its chairman, whom the federation regards as a crucial figure in getting it started.

Employers generally are extremely anxious that a new professional engineering organization should represent their interests and not, as one industrialist put it, be "overrun by academics".

The CBI, which suggests that the body should be known as the British Engineering Council, sees it operating from a small central board. This could then work through subordinate boards and committees.

In adding its considerable weight to the suggestion that the council should be set up by charter rather than statute, the CBI is expressing views directly contrary to those of the TUC.

A 12-man TUC delegation is due to meet Sir Keith later today to urge that the new body should be a statutory one to provide the necessary leadership. The delegation, led by Mr Ken Gill, a member of the TUC General Council's employment policy and organization committee, will argue that the Government is "setting up a lame duck" starved of public funds and dominated by the institutions that have failed engineering in the past", a spokesman said last night.

It will also urge the Secretary of State to reconsider his rejection of what the TUC considers to be the central recommendation of the Final Report Committee report.

If the CBI's recommendations are accepted many employers doubt whether the Council of Engineering Institutions, with 16 member organizations, can continue to exist alongside the new body.

The EEF in particular is expected to argue that the CBI should agree to wind itself up before the Royal Charter is granted to the new council in order to prevent confusion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cuts in education hinder the economy

From Captain H. H. Bracken

into account the true rate of unemployment in both these countries was significantly higher than it was in this country in that year. This casts yet further doubt on the emphasis the Government places on inflation as the major cause of unemployment. The real causes are a worldwide recession made worse by mistaken economic policies and the gathering momentum of a new industrial revolution. If we are to meet the challenge of the latter then we must have a highly educated and motivated workforce and this highlights the folly of the cuts in education made by both the Labour and Conservative Governments.

Yours faithfully,
H. H. BRACKEN,
The Old House,
Groombridge,
Sussex,
October 24.

Careers advice for engineers

From the Secretary of The Institution of Mechanical Engineers

Sir, I regret that your correspondent A. J. Brown (October 21) had such an unfortunate response to his request for careers information. As far as the Institution of Mechanical Engineers is concerned I can assure him that his experience is unique and we give advice to many thousands of parents and children each year.

He is correct in saying that we are currently out of stock of our main careers publication and the reason is simple: temporary storage of funds. The institution is after all a voluntary body and finances its extensive information services from the money provided by its members, a fact which is often overlooked.

The real problem is that there are numerous bodies, many more than those contacted by Mr. Brown, who provide engineering careers information of one kind and another. There is considerable overlap and the average "customer" rarely knows a quarter of the available sources.

What is needed is a national framework which would provide parents and schools with a single point of contact and through which governmental and industrial funding could be channeled. Such an organization, the Engineering Careers Information Coordinating Group, was formed three years ago by one or two of the principal professional organizations, the EIES, EEE and others, and is being developed into a formally incorporated body with a single point of contact and through which governmental and industrial funding could be channeled. Such an organization, the Engineering Careers Information Coordinating Group, was formed three years ago by one or two of the principal professional organizations, the EIES, EEE and others, and is being developed into a formally incorporated body with a single point of contact and through which governmental and industrial funding could be channeled. 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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Plessey beats the cutbacks

Companies involved in electronics, defence and telecommunications have been all the rage in this year of recession. Electronics cause it is one of the few industrial sectors which is growing. Defence and telecommunications because the bills are paid from the public purse and spending is been rising.

Not surprisingly Plessey, as an electronics company heavily involved in both defence and telecommunications and which yesterday announced a £150m contract for its armament battlefield communications system which could be worth £500m in the next market, has been a lively performer in the stock market, with an order book the envy many a hard-pressed engineer.

The FT All-Share index has risen by a third so far this year, and Plessey's outperformed this by more than two-thirds. Others in the sector have also performed exceptionally well. Among the major firms Racal has outpaced the market by a

margin as a partnership, although Vickers da Costa which has been incorporated for eight years, reckons its public persona aids in vital international side, even when the annual reports of recent years have shown what a difficult and unprofitable business it is been.

On top of that Capel-Cure, like Wedd Durlacher which went back to a partnership four years ago, was finding it increasingly difficult to replace retiring principals who held a significant stake in the company as younger newcomers were often financially unable to buy out their predecessors.

Interest charges on partnership loans are also tax-deductible, which makes banks a great deal more amenable to providing funds to a new partner. From the worker participation standpoint, brokers are happier to reward those directly involved in producing their revenue rather than an outside group of shareholders, while the partnership approach also helps to bind perhaps footloose staff to the firm.

Finally, remembering the demise of the proposed mergers between Grieveson Grant and Scrimgeour last year and Vickers da Costa and Capel-Cure, Carden in 1974 which both founded on the difficulties of amalgamating partnerships and limited companies, suggests that Capel-Cure, with its new-found dynamism, may be looking acquisitively at its rivals once again.

Money markets

Diverging trends in Europe

The Bank of England's reminder to the banks that they must maintain the minimum reserve asset ratio requirement on a daily basis made funds very much more readily available for the discount market yesterday—bank call money placed with the houses qualifying as a reserve asset. For a change the houses were able to pick up all their funds comfortably below the 16 per cent level. The ease in the discount market was still not fully reflected in the interbank market, however, where overnight rates were still fluctuating at anywhere between 16 and 20 per cent.

While the United Kingdom authorities are wrestling with the technicalities of monetary control, European interest rates are being dictated by more conventional forces, in particular foreign exchange and balance of payments considerations. For the past few weeks the French authorities have been acting as the odd man out in pushing up domestic rates as their main weapon for defending the franc at the same time as running a sizable budget deficit.

The Government has been using all its muscle as the largest borrower in the French money markets to call the tune in interest rates, issuing bonds for example carrying a much higher coupon than is really necessary to lever up interest rates.

Yesterday, however, the French authorities had to backpedal a little, allowing money market rates to ease in an effort to support the Deutsche mark, which has come under increasing pressure, falling close to its floor in the European Monetary System.

The continued strength of the dollar is causing the German authorities all sorts of problems—the Bundesbank had to sell \$15,400m yesterday to keep the rate in touch with the DM 1.88 level—and the five leading West German economic institutes are now suggesting almost the unthinkable, that the Deutsche mark should be devalued to enable interest rates to be cut in order to get the economy moving ahead again.

• Not for the first time the equity market appears to be out of touch with the real economy, with share prices moving into new high ground on the very day the worst unemployment figures since the war were announced last week. While the stockmarket also seemed blithely to ignore it, ICI's third quarter loss also crystallized one of the main difficulties of British manufacturing industry that the Government may be able to do something to ameliorate, when it blamed an overvalued currency for its troubles.

The trade figures continue to show that export volume is holding up rather better than expected, but there must be many sectors of industry selling overseas at very little profit simply to hold onto market share. Important as the domestic market is, more than two-fifths of industrial profits come from exports and overseas subsidiaries

are important, however, is what his means for the stock market? Functional funds with long-term horizons are buying the real growth there and to increase their exposure. In this of mind it matters little to them whether they pay 15 or 20 times prospective earnings or whether defence cuts will be totally unsent.

The Government's decision to revert to a partnership after five years as a limited liability highlights the impact the Government's changes in personal taxation have in one area of the market, albeit a one.

The change, which has been backed by a groundswell of opinion from Capel-Cure's own workforce, is a direct result of reduction from 83 to 60 per cent in the rate of income tax. There is now little drive for a stockholding firm which is constant generation of capital to pay corporation tax at 52 per cent the bulk of its partners is liable for more in personal tax compared with higher rates of the past.

need, too, as a limited company to annual accounts and allow rivals in the market the strengths and weaknesses of the business is one reason to

exist. rumour of a at the helm of a The Times were confirmed last night with the news that Fredy Fisher, editor since stepping down.

It will remain a part of the FT's parent Longman and will be a director of Consumer Products since last year, to join the BSC as managing director, finance at the beginning of next month.

Barker was previously finance director with ITT's British subsidiary, Standard Telephones and Cables. He has also worked in top financial jobs with Ford Motor and Associated Portland Cement.

Ian MacGregor, the corporation's chairman, has been looking for a new finance man since he took over the industry's most unenviable job in the summer.

The appointment, which does not carry board membership, releases Frank Holloway from the finance role which he has been combining with responsibility for supplies and transport. He now takes over as managing director for supplies and transport.

Barker joins the so-called "Yorkshire mafia", led by BSC's deputy chairman Bob Schlesier. Barker's youth was spent in Hull, rather than what used to be the West Riding from where most of his new colleagues hail.

is a former FT managing editor and New York based with a long on the paper broken work for the old. Reorganization Committee and British Leyland, a else could an editor and said, "Fisher had 'absenteeism in go with the state of Fleet Street'?"

The season of public expenditure cuts is once again upon us. The characteristics of this season are now well enough known not to require much emphasis. Stories begin to appear in various newspapers of this or that spending minister fighting some heroic battle to defend his or her programmes.

By October leaked stories about the horrors in store for those least able to protect themselves in society tend to multiply in *The Guardian*, or of unacceptable cuts in the defence budget in *The Daily Telegraph*.

Members of Parliament of various persuasions and interests will soon be heard in the House of Commons demanding assurances from the Government that this or that programme will not suffer, whatever the outcome must be.

This year there has been an important variation. Leaking defence

cut documents to the Press Association seems somehow to be instrumentalizing the process rather formally. This fact, that has resulted shows once again how confusing the presentation of public spending figures is for those who wish to use them in public debate.

Since public spending planning is done for the most part in "real" terms we can and do have the paradoxical position that the amount of money spent on defence rises by substantially more than the general rate of inflation and yet is the cost of putting together next year's White Paper this gets scored as a public spending cut. Much heated debate then takes place about why the Government is failing to live up to its commitment to increase defence spending year by year.

It is a process which generates little pressure to use money in a cost-effective way. If the pay of a soldier in BAOR

were to be doubled overnight, this would not show up directly as an increase in real terms the Government is still only providing one soldier to the Royal Army.

Equally, however, if the Royal Navy want to say that it does not after all want the most expensive possible frigate complete with all the latest gadgetry, because they have been persuaded that something rather cheaper can carry out the required defence function just as well, then the cost of putting together a defence budget as a defence spending cut through the seasons of the realm would in no way be diminished.

Since the debate with the Treasury within Whitehall is then conducted not in terms of money, or even increases and decreases on this year's outturn for any particular programme, but in terms of cuts or increases in what was planned last year for next year the link with reality becomes even more tenuous.

Overall, it is possible, I believe, to look at the track record of public spending since 1979's prediction from the *Guardian* to see clearly what will happen. It will be in three stages.

First, the Prime Minister and the Treasury will demand huge cuts, the word this time is £2,000m. Secondly, there will be anything so unseemly as a Cabinet revolt, but the Government will settle for cuts that are less than half that total and dress up the figure a bit. Thirdly, there will be some sales of assets. "Thirdly" the final outturn will fail to reflect even these cuts.

I shall cut out this little prediction from the paper and keep it by my side. This time next year, on the confident assumption that this column still exists, it will be compared with what actually has transpired.

Hugh Stephenson

A simple prediction on public spending

everyone puts a lot of effort into it. They stay open to give service when most other shops in town are closed. The family now live in a comfortable home away from the shop where at busy times Mr Mohammed employs half a dozen extra local people to help.

"I suppose there are about 60 men, women and children in the Pakistani community, some from the families that started a long time ago. We are only a small number and there are no problems," he said.

Others thought the easy co-existence between the two communities happened because the Pakistanis kept themselves to themselves. "Really we do not join in very closely, there is a polite distance between us, because of our culture, if that is the right word, which is so different. We are hardly 1 per cent of the population here. We are Muslims and although some of the community are not very religious, they know there is a division."

"There have not been any mixed marriages and I do not believe there should be that contact. It does not work in the long term and it is bad for the children. We have our different ways, but that does not prevent us getting on well with the host community", I was told. Children integrate more easily. One Pakistani girl won a place at Aberdeen University from the local secondary school.

The Pakistani traders have spread their small empire to about nine shops in town which sell drapery, footwear, and groceries. Mr Nazir Mohammed, one of the senior members of the community and a tea-totaller, opened one of the town's first licensed groceries.

A colleague explained: "The difficulty is that Stornoway is a long way from anywhere. It costs a lot to bring goods in, and paying by mail order may mean paying more for the postage than for the article itself. When someone provides a service and increases the variety available to the customers appreciate it. It does not really matter who provides that service but we are happy to try."

Ronald Faux



Church Street, Stornoway where four of the Pakistani-owned shops in the town are located.

From the Punjab to the Western Isles

merchant navy. "Someone arriving who happened to be a different colour was not so odd to them. In fact, many admired their pluck. How many of us would have made a living in the Punjab selling from a suitcase? It really was quite courageous."

Mr Sardar Mohammed recalled arriving in Stornoway in 1961 when he was a young man. "I had a friend here already who was a trader. What he said about this place made me want to come here. It was difficult at first, because everything was so strange and different. The work was hard. I had to get up at 5 am every day except Sunday so I could catch the first bus into the countryside outside Stornoway," he said.

One lonely brown man with his huge suitcases of goods trudging from door to door when there were often cold and empty miles separating the doors. It seemed at first too alien and too different from the life he had known in Pakistan where his father had a farm. Slowly, he grew to like the countryside of Lewis and Harris. The strange islands with their bleak emptiness that seemed so often to be like a cold desert. But from the people there was warmth and great courtesy and appreciation that someone should bother to go all the way to their doorstep with goods.

Mr Mohammed worked through the intricate bus timetables so that he could return to Stornoway, his suitcase generally a good deal lighter than when he set out, on the last bus back to town. It was often a 15-hour day.

Six years after coming to Stornoway he flew back to Pakistan to marry, and returned

with his wife and his mother. By then, the small enclave of shops in the town owned by Pakistani traders was known affectionately as Mohammed Alley. The oddness of Far Eastern traders setting up shop in Stornoway quickly became an unremarkable fact to the locals.

Mr Mohammed now has four children aged between 12 and five years. His daughter, Zerqa, aged 10, won first prize at a Gaelic speaking competition.

"They are learning Gaelic at school, we speak English with Hebridean accents, and they also know Urdu. It is very cosmopolitan, but we all feel strongly that our home is now here. I am a British subject, but I feel that I belong to this place," he said.

The business has prospered. All the family are involved and

The collapse of Argentina's tractor industry

Buenos Aires

In 1977, Argentina's tractor industry was the jewel of the real economy, with share prices moving into new high ground on the very day the worst unemployment figures since the war were announced last week. While the stockmarket also seemed blithely to ignore it, ICI's third quarter loss also crystallized one of the main difficulties of British manufacturing industry that the Government may be able to do something to ameliorate, when it blamed an overvalued currency for its troubles.

The trade figures continue to show that export volume is holding up rather better than expected, but there must be many sectors of industry selling overseas at very little profit simply to hold onto market share. Important as the domestic market is, more than two-fifths of industrial profits come from exports and overseas subsidiaries

are causing the real economy to fall at the end of the year. In the first eight months of this year only 2,230 locally built tractors were sold and they cost the farmers twice as much bushels of wheat as they did in 1977.

What went wrong? The same President and the same Minister of the Economy are in office, ostensibly preaching the same philosophy of free market responsibility. But even in Britain governments have preached the same philosophy while applying totally different economic policies.

In 1977 the Argentine government had reduced inflation from 50 per cent a month to 8 per cent a month by controlling money supply and wage increases. Credit was also cheap in that interest rates were lower than price rises, and that, combined with cheap labour, caused a manufacturing boom that mopped up all unemployment and obliged industrialists to pay under-the-table bonuses to their employees.

But at the beginning of 1978

the government was frightened by a mini-recession which resulted from too tight a squeeze on the money supply in the previous quarter. At the same time the banking lobby took charge of the economic policy in the name of increasing the country's financial resources.

The central bank gave up control of the money supply and printed banknotes to finance imports.

Money was distributed to those financial institutions which accepted interest bearing deposits. Since licensed financial institutions also received a 100 per cent state guarantee for their depositors, the result was that the central bank issued money to whoever was willing to pay most for it.

The weapon to fight inflation became the exchange rate, during which the government intervened in the

foreign exchange market, the parity against the dollar was fixed by a crawling peg devaluation which was well below the rate of inflation.

In theory, competition by imports and the corset effect on exports would make internal price rises conform to the rate of devaluation. As it turned out, the 75 per cent of goods and services unaffected by foreign trade continued to have their prices pushed up by 7 or 8 per cent a month and the whole industry fell on farming and part of industry.

As the gap between inflation and the exchange parity widened, the Argentine peso was sustained by high interest rates which allowed returns of 30 to 40 per cent on investors' dollars and gave the financial sector a spectacular killing.

A policy of high interest rates and an overvalued currency may have been good for bank profits but proved a disaster for those parts of the economy which export. In Argentina farm incomes depend on the price which farmers get for the produce exported, and as that diminished in real terms, so did their demand for tractors.

For a while the industry soldiered on. They knew that other productive sectors of the country were being ruined by the economic policy and they hoped that combined lobbies would change that policy. But with funds flowing into Argentina to take advantage of the interest bonanza, Dr Martinez de Heredia's economic team has felt strong enough to turn all pressures and arguments that do not come from the financial sector.

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tractor factories compensate the fall in home demand by exporting themselves: the progressive overvaluation of the peso meant that merely adjusting their prices according to internal inflation they were charging twice as many dollars this year as in 1977 and pricing themselves out of the market.

With a break-even point of 350 tractors a month exclusive of financial costs, the situation became impossible. Moreover, the investments undertaken in the boom of 1977 generated their own financial burden without any benefits and in most plants raised the break-even point to 700 tractors a month.

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Tony Emerson

Strange news from that most conservative of bodies, the Brewers' Society. The guardian of the nation's beer producers has decided that its member companies must come clean about the strength of their brews.

The breweries will be told this week that they must display on bottles and hand pumps the gravity of the beer. The term "cash-conditioned", which has been rather freely applied recently, is to be tightened up. And if the beer makes its way to the drinker through the application of carbon dioxide a sign must tell the poor soul so.

The society has stopped short of other recommendations, such as signs pointing out that last one best-selling British beer owes its head to an algae seaweed compound, but one remains pleasantly surprised at any such voluntary regulation.

Sadly, the strength labelling will end the popular southern custom for dealing with the northern scepticism about the strength of beers brewed south of Peterborough, namely the rapid injection of a few pints of one of the stronger southern ales into the disbelief.

Such is the price of progress.

When talking to company representatives we should remember where the topic has any news value and where we cannot be sure of the discretion of the person to whom we are speaking that a garbled and partial version of what has been said may leak to the press.

The IBA clearly has a down on poor broadcasting hacks. It intends to announce the franchise results on December 28 purporting to avoid stock market speculation. Fleet Street's hardest-working corps can only see this as a concerted attempt to disrupt their Christmas festivities. Seasonal goodwill alone demands a Christmas Eve leak.

This exhortation to beware of idle talk also applies when dealing with staff from the ITV companies.

Britain's fishmongers are improving race, according to Alan Davidson,

FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Electricals and oils strike confident note

The market made a firm start to the new account yesterday maintaining its upward drive despite some profit taking later on.

Equities encountered further selective buying, which coupled with stock shortages, made for a lively start to the session. Electricals and oils were again in favour but reluctance to chase prices higher resulted in small amounts of profit taking around midday.

The strong pound continued to encourage investors in the hope that the Government may decide to cut interest rates in the near future. But today's CBI report is expected to make gloomy reading.

In the event, the FT Index which had risen 2.0 at 11 a.m. eventually closed only 0.6 up at 46.1.

Gilts had a rather scrappy session with profit taking leaving its mark during after-hours. In longs, dealers reported a firm start over Friday's announcement of a new top to gain of up to 5p, soon giving way to falls of around 5p. Shorts on the other hand, reported rises of up to 4p in a thin market.

Leading industrials continued to make the most of the recent rally in ICI which has rebounded after its disclosure of third-quarter losses. However, prices were off the top by the close helped by the softer opening trend on Wall St.

Nevertheless, ICI is still managed to advance a further 4p to 340p while Beechams, a popular market of late, improved 2p to 210p. Prices jumped 10p to 210p in a thin market, with Reed International putting on 8p ahead of figures due next week. Other rises included Courtaulds, up to 67p, BAT's up a similar amount to 281p, and Lucas 3p to 183p.

Electricals received an early boost with the announcement of an £150m defence contract from Plessey. However, the shares failed to respond and closed 4p easier at 267p. But GEC, 3p higher at 573p, Racal, 1p to 343p, Thorn-EMI 4p to 356p and STC 3p to 478p all benefited. Among second liners, Electrocomponents leapt 29p to 785p in a thin market after announcing the closure of its subsidiary Reading Windings last Friday. Farnell Electric was another high flyer, jumping 24p to 394p also on stock shortage.

Menswear group, J. Hepworth & Son eased a couple of pence to 98p yesterday ahead of Thursday's full-time figures. Analysts are going for profits of £6m against £6.6m, while British Land could increase its 4.9 per cent stake on any sign of weakness.

On the bid front, Giltspur climbed 8p to 112p on suggestions that it was about to receive a counteroffer to the one from Transport. Development down 4p to 77p. The claim was totally denied by the Giltspur board.

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ties were suspended unchanged at 31p pending talks which might lead to an offer and Renwick added 7p to 70p amid reports that the Tebbit Group was interested in buying the group's boat-building interests. Renwick has already received an agreed bid from AAH.

Speculative interest was directed at Polly Peck, up 9p to 145p, Lee Cooper 10p to 153p, Utd Carriers 10p to 228p and Fitzwilton 8p to 44p.

A better than expected profits performance gave a 10p rise to Pochins at 205p with Lamont firming 1p to 165p. But the lower profits and committed dividend clipped 4p from Tern-Consulate at 34p. Disappointing trading statements also clipped 2p from Walter Lawrence at 80p and 25p from Thurst Sulphur at 150p.

Boss Peter Brotherhood had demed 14p to 140p ahead of figures next month with De La Rue adding 20p to 900p, Lloyds 5p to 345p and National West-

land a similar amount at 416p. Hambrs ended the day unchanged at 624p after an early flurry of activity, but Royal Yacht of Scotland expanded 4p to 115p and Grindlays 15p to 173p after comment on a possible merger. Standard

new concessions for shareholders.

But Ladbroke dipped 4p to 245p on profit taking after its recent strong rally, while Pleasurama held steady at 175p.

Stock shortages again saw stores make progress under the lead of GUS 'A' up 5p at 475p and Debenhams 2p to 87p. Marks & Spencer firmed 1p to 116p as Bentalls rose 4p to 33p among second liners. In foods, Tesco slipped 1p to 52p and a new low on the back of adverse comment. But Associated Dairies advanced 5p to 238p ahead of tomorrow's annual meeting as J. Sainsbury raced ahead 26p to 565p and Bevan put on 3p to 115p both ahead of figures due out soon.

Banks spent a fairly active day amid hopes of a cut in MLR in the none too distant future. The big four clearers had taken left prices slightly off the day's close. BP was 2p heavier at 464p, Ulstermax 2p stronger at 480p and Lsme 3p better at 847p. Speculative interest was also expressed in Burnst, up 6p to 200p while among second liners, Cambridge Petroleum rose 40p to 380p for a similar reason.

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Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Outwich Inv (I)	1.79(1.77)	0.12(0.08)	1.83(1.4)	0.7(0.7)	28/11	(2.66)
Lamont Hdg (I)	6.63(6.09)	0.43(0.38)	2.55(0.85)	0.4(—)	8/12	(1.0)
London Stationery (I)	31.5(25.8)	0.6(0.58)	2.54(2.24)	1.7(1.7)	15/12	(4.5)
Pochins (F)	15.1(12.65)	0.71(0.73)	3.95(5.8)	8.12(8.12)	12/12	9.0(9.0)
Tern-Consulate (I)	3.2(3.2)	0.03(0.2)	(—)	2.0(—)	—	(4.0)
Thurst (I)	0.93(1.03)	0.013(0.092)	(—)	(—)	—	(—)

Dividends in this table are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown on a pre-tax and earnings are net.

Fidelity Trust buys into Solicitors Law

By Philip Robinson

The recent flurry of share

buying of troubled printers and publishers, the Solicitors Law Stationery Society, has prompted market speculation that the group is sorting out its trading problems, particularly those of Canadian associate, Richard De Boo, which it bought two years ago, and is trading at a loss.

Those doing some of the buying were the Fidelity Unit Trust, part of the world's largest mutual fund concern, the Fidelity Group of Boston, which set up in the United Kingdom last year. It has tucked away 150,000 shares, about 13 per cent of the equity, into its "special situations" fund in the hope of a bid from outside or a decision by the Thomson family to mop up the 50 per cent they do not already own.

It was Thomson's business interests which sold Solicitors Law a half-share in Richard De Boo for £296,000 in January 1979. A few months later, De Boo computerized its accounting and only earlier this month it became apparent that De Boo was trading at a substantial loss last year.

Solicitors Law's share of the losses £50,000 in 1979, promoted the group to make a £190,783 provision in a sign of relief.

This year, M & G has reduced its stake from 5.6 to 3 per cent and is thought to have found willing buyers at the lower levels.

Solicitors Law's share price has come down from 40p to 19p this year, although it recently recovered to 25p. A bid price of 40p would be greeted with a sigh of relief.

Pochin's recovers in last half and holds dividend

By Peter Wainwright

Pochin's, the construction and engineering group which also operates one of Britain's largest concrete pump hire fleets, pleased the stock market yesterday with pre-tax profits of £174,694, against £72,252 for the year to May 31 last. But the total gross dividend is again 12.6p, with a final of 11.6p after the 7.6 per cent jump the year before.

In the first six months pre-tax profits fell from £273,404 to £252,248, though turnover rose from £6.76m to £7.33m. For the full year, turnover went up from £6.65m to £15.1m.

Pochin's, which is based at Middlewich, in Cheshire, is more than a building and civil

engineer. It has a development at Oldham Road, Manchester, for the Japanese company Sharp. Mr C. W. T. Pochin, chairman, reports that this re-development was finished on time and the group has received rental income.

But legal and administrative difficulties prevented the sale of the development, though this is said to be imminent. Work also began on land for industrial development at Middlewich. Negotiations are well in hand for two factory units. A block of flats at Llandudno, Wales, is nearly finished. Pochin's is a close company and is, therefore, bid proof. The shares firmed 10p to 205p yesterday.

The group's flat glass activities incurred a loss of 11.2 million in the first half of this year, compared with a deficit of 34m in the same 1979 period.

Food activities contributed 141m francs to first-half earnings down from 157m francs a year ago. However, this was more than offset by an increase of 23m francs in the first half of the group's packaging division.

The board has decided to distribute an interim 1980 net dividend of 15 francs per share. Stockholders receive 35 francs per share in 1979.

Kuwait Petroleum

Kuwait National Petroleum reports that net income rose to 156.5m Kuwaiti Dinars (£243m) last year from 29.5m in 1978.

A spokesman quoted the annual report as saying a net profit from international sales rose to about 122m Dinars from 13,071m yen. Sales, however, reached about an all-time high for any half year at 58.725m yen, up 14.2 per cent from 51.946m yen in the year before, and up 4.9 per cent from 56.500m yen in the previous half year.

Per-share net profit in the

period was 8.2 yen, compared with 9.31 yen in the previous half year. Mitsubishi Electric officials attributed the net profit decline mainly to the yen's appreciation, and sluggish sales of summer products like air-conditioners.

For the whole year ending March 30, however, the company expects better results.

Annual sales are projected at 1,200bn yen, up 12 per cent from the previous year. Net profit is expected to rise 2 per cent to about 25,500m yen.

A Metal Box Bhd subsidiary, Metal Box Overseas, is negotiating to acquire the whole of Malaysian Can Company from Kumpulan Finma.

The statement did not disclose financial details.

Business appointments**Midland Bank general manager**

Mr David Hanson has been appointed general manager of Midland Bank with responsibility for Midland Bank International.

Mr Kanazarem Sridhanan has become chief highway engineer, Department of Transport, in succession to Mr R. J. Bridle, who has been appointed the department's controller of research and development as well as director of the Transport and Road Research Laboratory.

Mr John White and Mr John Kavanaugh have joined the board of Sime Darby London.

Mr John M. Morgan has been appointed director of marketing of Forval.

Mr Geoffrey A. Hargreaves will join the board of Bain.

Mr A. E. C. Cook has been made production director of Denby Tableware.

Mr E. F. Carter and Mr H. A. Drake have been appointed directors of Terra Nova Insurance Com-

pany. Mr Gutier succeeds Mr B. T. Green.

Mr J. H. Greene has been made

director of Higgin & Jones Group after the death of Mr G. R. H. Reid.

Mr Richard Beardson has joined TI Raleigh as supply director for TI Domestic Appliance.

Mr B. G. Adams, Mr R. A. Field and Mr K. K. Raymon have been appointed directors of A. L. Sturge (Birmingham) Ltd.

Mr Leonard Parfitt retires as deputy chairman of the British Gas Corporation on November 1.

He will be succeeded by Mr Charles Barker, managing director, who will also become deputy chairman and Mr Norman Dukes will become deputy managing director.

Mr Michael McPhay has been appointed chairman of Tongaat Holdings (Berkshire).

Mr D. V. March and Mr John L. Curtis have been appointed to the board of British Smelter Con-

structions.

Mr Les Wood, general secretary

Walter Lawrence falls but hopes to hold payout

By Margarette Pagano

Pretax profits at Walter Lawrence, the construction and housebuilding group, slid 38 per cent to £609,000 in the first six months of the year.

Turnover rose from £25.8m to £31.5m. An interim gross dividend of 3.5p is declared and the group hopes to maintain an annual gross dividend of 10p for the year. The share price dropped 2p to 80p.

Despite the downturn in the construction industry, the East Anglian group reports an increased contribution from the housebuilding and property sectors, with particular growth in first-time home market and renovation work.

Mr Terence Davis, the deputy chairman and financial director, said yesterday that orders are at present comparable to the first part of the year. Demand is expected to be down next year, he said, reflecting the decline in repeat business.

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Loans hope for small businesses

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At a meeting last night, with Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, small business campaigners have formed a working party to press their case for loan guarantees.

Sir Keith promised representatives of the Union of Independent Companies that the possibility of bank loans for small businesses, underwritten by the Government, would be given full consideration.

This went some way to allaying fears in the small business lobby that the Cabinet would simply reject the idea in the face of concerted opposition from the clearing banks, the Department of Industry and the Treasury.

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PERSONAL CHOICE



One of the eight contestants in tonight's competition to Britain's Strongest Man (ITV 7.30) exercise with a pair of pliers.

A thirteen stone weakling displays of strength have fascinated me no more so than those exercises. Lifters competing in the Olympics, Tonight at 7.30 on ITV, of the strongest men in Britain compete for the title of Britain's Strongest Man. The competitors will be asked to bend bars, lift girls, cars and awkwardly shaped barrels containing sand and water, run with heavy sacks on their shoulders, pull s and tear telephone directories (Jan Rhodes where are you). All the competitors urge each other on in the friendliest way and there is some wonderful unintentional humour, none so than the Irish champion who, instead of bending his bar the aid of his neck decided it would be easier if he used his The programme is presented by Derek Hobson but the two viewers, Henry Cooper and Geoff Capes, are the competitive stars.

The beaten track in Hertfordshire camps the last gypsies to live in the same way as their forebears—under a roof, a palin-covered hazel branch. Most gypsies now make a good living from labouring or scrap metal dealing and a caravan towed by a luxury car is not an uncommon sight, but they are distrusted and feared by a lot of the town. Man Alive's They Steal Children, Don't They? (BBC 2, m) examines our attitudes to gypsies and their attitudes to us. Do they resent being social pariahs? Do they want to integrate into normal society? Jeremy James tries to find the right for the first time we can see footage of film recording mors of Lord Mountbatten (BBC 1, 11.05 pm). Ludovic du and producer Ron Webster took two days to view the material and from it they have produced five half hour special programmes of the much talked about man. The are purely factual and no judgments are passed on any of his decisions or actions. The first programme is entitled Get My Way and it reveals the personality of Mountbatten.

Running on concrete for over twenty six miles is not my idea's fun but last weekend sixteen thousand, yes sixteen, competed in the New York Marathon. Not from the like Shells brings a report of this extraordinary sporting Marathon Fever (Radio 4, 4.15 pm).

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Broadcasting Guide

Edited by Peter Dear

TELEVISION

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daughter, and Jane.

BRIGGS—On October 21st, at
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son, Mark, a daughter, Jane.

GODDARD—On October 21st, at
Bath, a son, Edward Mark, a
daughter, Jane.

JOHNSON—On October 21st, at
Brentwood, Essex, a son, Edward

Mark, a daughter, Jane.

DEMBOWICZ—On October 17th,
at Queen Charlotte's, to Pauline
and Peter, a daughter, Anne.

DODD—On October 22nd, to
Sophia Elizabeth, a son, Edward

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